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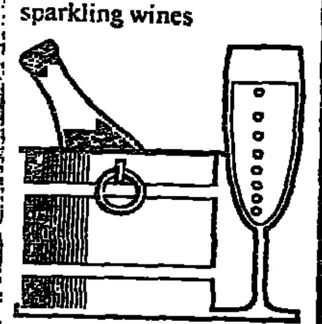
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Miners expected to change the rules to get all-out strike

Fom Paul Routledge, Labour Editor, Sheffield

The coal industry is sliding rapidly towards an all-out strike after a crushing defeat yesterday of moves by moderate leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers to call a national pithead ballot.

A special 240-delegate conference of the union is to be held next Thursday to determine the next step, and it is almost certain that union rules will be changed to reduce the 55 per cent majority required for an all-out stoppage when the miners are given the chance to vote.

Mr Arthur Scargill, the union's president, yesterday ruled out of order a proposal from the Leicestershire miners that there should be an immediate pithead poll, and his ruling was upheld by a surprisingly strong margin of 13 votes to 8 by the union's executive, meeting at its headquarters here.

Despite the outcome of the vote, moderate leaders were attacked by militant pitmen as they emerged from the meeting.

The decision to transfer the inititiative for prolonging and extending the strike, which has closed two thirds of Britain's pits, to the delegate conference was approved by 21 votes to three.

The voices raised against it came from Mr Ken Toon, of South Derbyshire, Mr Roy Ottey, of the Midlands craftsmen and Mr Jank Jones, of Leicestershire.

Mr Jones had proposed that there should be an early ballot, but his suggestion was ruled unconstitutional by Mr Scargill who, citing an earlier precedent of Mr Joe Gormley, refused to permit the executive to overturn a decision it made on March 8 to back the "rolling strike".

The National Coal Board declined to comment on the miners' decision.

The union meeting, which took place against a background of unprecedented picketing and

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police security to get miners' leaders into their office, resulted in a virtually clean sweep for the left.

Mr Scargill told the pickets: "We can win provided we show the same resolution as we showed in 1972 and 1974." He was greeted with great applause and chants of "easy, easy" from the striking miners.

The delegate conference next week will have before it a proposal from the national officials of the union that the rules shpould be changed to reduce the majority required in a secret ballot from 55 per cent to a simple majority.

A motion on these lines was due to be submitted to the union's annual conference in Tenby in July, but the 54 per cent vote by colliery deputies to back a strike over pit closures – which falls short of their own union's requirements of a 66 per cent majority to permit strike action – has prompted the mineworkers to think again.

The NUM last change its rules on this issue in 1971, when the majority for strike action was reduced from 66 per cent to 55 per cent, and later that year a pithead ballot yielded a 59 per cent majority for industrial action which led directly to the convulsive events of 1972.

Mr Scargill said yesterday that the latest move was designed to introduce greater democracy into the union.

He told the men massed outside his building: "Let us say to the wider trade union movement that whatever happens, the determination of the National Union of Mineworkers is more resolved. We intend to continue this fight until MacGregor and Thatcher withdraws their pit closures."

Moderate coalfield leaders who only 24 hours before had been predicting a marginal victory for their campaign to hold an immediate ballot were downcast by yesterday's sharp swerve to the left.

Mr Trevor Bell, secretary of the whitecollar section, claimed that a majority of the executive had been in favour of a ballot but had been unable to pursue it because of Mr Scargill's ruling.

But Mr Scargill had employed rule 43 to argue that the March 8 decision could not be overturned by demands for a national ballot.

This rule lays down that in the event of any national action being proposed by the union there shall be a secret pithead ballot of the men requiring a 55 per cent majority before such action is mounted.



Megaphone message: NUM President Arthur Scargill (top) addresses a mass demonstration of militant miners outside the union HQ in Sheffield with the Scottish leader, Mick McGahey, by his side. Below: Two policemen lead away one of the 3,000 protesters.

Labour publishes Oman case

By Richard Dowden

Labour MPs have finally succeeded in having published with parliamentary privilege allegations about the involvement of Mrs Margaret Thatcher and her son in obtaining the contract to build the University of Oman for Cementation International.

The allegations are that "the Prime Minister was consciously and deliberately advancing her son's interests" and that "at a formal banquet at the palace on April 23 (in Oman 1981) the Prime Minister mentioned her son's interest in Cementation to the Sultan".

In a complaint to the Select Committee on Members' Interests, Mr Brian Sedgemore, Labour MP for Hackney South and Shoreditch, said the contract was never put out to tender, and that if it had been, other British construction companies would have taken an interest.

He also said Mrs Thatcher had a direct interest through her husband Denis, who was a guarantor to the bank account which Mr Mark Thatcher used for his payments from Cementation.

The complaint is in a "draft report", in effect a minority report by Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, Labour MP for Workington, who is a member of the committee.

The committee rejected Mr Campbell-Savours' complaint, saying the interests in the £300m contract were not Mrs Thatcher's but those of her son and husband. She was not therefore obliged to register those interests and the committee did not have to investigate them. Of the analogy with the Maudling case, which Mr Campbell-Savours quoted, the committee said it did not apply because "Mr Maudling had a direct interest in that he was a director of certain of Mr Poulson's companies".

Mr Campbell-Savours' report also mentions Mr Denis Thatcher's interest as chairman of Chipman, one of the companies on the "bid list" circulated in Oman, Chipman had an interest in a £3m landscaping contract which Cementation offered for tender.

Asked at a press conference if this was the end of the matter, Mr Campbell-Savours said: "This is only the beginning. If the Prime Minister had been more forthcoming at the despatch box six or eigth weeks ago it would have died a death.

But she has whet the appetites of journalists in this country and abroad who are investigating her son's activities in relation to her function as Prime Minister."

He said the matter could be raised in her parliamentary select committees but as he has such difficulty in making headway in the members' interests committee the Conservatives, who have an inbuilt

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Ministers resigned to decision

By Julian Haviland Political Editor

The miners's decision yesterday to hold a delegate conference was expected by ministers, who received it with resignation. In the Commons the Prime Minister said that many miners would be greately concerned that a national vote on strike action had been further delayed.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, welcomed the fact that a national ballot was now "a much clearer and closer prospect"

Mr Kinnock's preference for a ballot was therefore made plain, but not plain enough for Mrs Thatcher. Mr Kinnock does not believe that the miners will be more likely to show restraint if he lectures them. Mrs Thatcher misses few opportunities of lecturing them and of inviting Mr Kinnock to do the same. So she asked if he would make it clear that he would have preferred an immediate decision in favour of a ballot.

Mr Kinnock did not respond, but asked instead for the Government to tell Mr Ian McGregor, chairman of the National Coal Board, to alter the pace and scale of the rundown of the coal industry.

The Prime Minister replied that there had been no compulsory redundancies so far.

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Moderate leaders manhandled

From Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter, Sheffield

Moderate miners' leaders were attacked by militant pitmen as they emerged from yesterday's meeting of the National Union of Mineworkers executive.

Drink cans and fruit rained down on Mr Ray Chadburn, president of the right-wing Nottinghamshire miners. He was pushed and jostled and had to be escorted by the police.

After a day of mass demonstrations, Mr Chadburn, Mr Henry Richardson, secretary of the Nottinghamshire area, and Mr Trevor Bell, secretary of the union's white collar section, all received rough treatment from the hundred or so left-wing miners who stayed after more than 3,000 demonstrators dispersed.

They had arrived early yesterday from surrounding Yorkshire and from Scotland, Kent and South Wales. The mood of the crowd, which gathered in the sunshine to lobby the executive, varied from that of a miners' gala to an unruly football crowd. It might have been worse if the vote had gone against the militants.

There were 53 arrests largely for assault, some for drunkenness, made by 1500 policemen from forces from Northumberland to Bedfordshire. More were in reserve, including those billeted at army camps in Nottinghamshire.

A shaken Mr Chadburn said he was not worried by the decision against a ballot. "I am worried about what just happened. I know how they feel, but I just want to get away."

Earlier a dozen pickets entered the headquarters, tock a lift to the eighth floor and confronted Mr Chadburn. They jostled him and accused him of selling them out. He argued forcibly that he had told his members not to cross picket lines.

Mr Scargill announced the decision of the executive with the help of a megaphone on the steps of the building.

Earlier he addressed the crowd from an office window high above the demonstration. He declared: "This is yet another example of police state, 1984." At various times NUM officials addressed the crowd from windows, advising them on the disposition of police.

Mr Chadburn said later that it was time his members "Got off their knees and came out". The strike over pit closures was not just a fight on behalf of Scotland, South Wales and Yorkshire, but was also in the interets of Nottinghamshire miners.

● A lead-filled bottle cap with four screws sticking out was thrown at a police line, but fell short (the Press Association reports). A police spokesman said it was "purpose made to maim".

British curb on Gulf war chemicals

By Rodney Cowton Defence Correspondent

Britain has imposed severe restrictions on the export to Iran and Iraq of eight chemicals which could be used for the manufacture of chemical weapons. This follows the report of a United Nations inspection team on March 26 which confirmed that chemical weapons had been used in the Iran-Iraq war.

Mr Paul Channon, Minister for Trade, announced in a written answer in the Commons that from yesterday the chemicals would require a licence before they could be exported to either country. This would only be granted where the Government was satisfied that they would be used only for valid industrial purposes.

A spokesman for the Department of Trade and Industry said there had been no exports of any of these chemicals from Britain to Iran or Iraq during last year. He had not heard any suggestion that British materials had been used in the manufacture of chemical weapons.

Of the eight chemicals on the British list which are mainly used for the manufacture of insecticides and flame retardants, five also are being subjected to restriction by the United States.

Pirate radio could soon become legal

By David Hewson

The growing wave of pirate radio stations throughout Britain will be given the chance to become legal in a redistribution of radio frequencies due to be announced later this year.

The Home Office is expected to allocate part of the VHF band for the use of "community radio" stations using low-powered transmitters and run principally on a voluntary basis, like many of the existing pirates.

Although none of the present wave of up to 60 illegal stations will be guaranteed a licence in the exercise, the introduction of legal, low power "parish pump" radio is expected to be matched by a crackdown on stations staying outside the law.

The pirates have rarely been prosecuted, but the Independent Broadcasting Authority says the unchecked spread of pirate stations threatens the financial stability of the legal independent local radio

Several pirate operators have said they would like to apply for radio franchises, but could not afford to run companies of the size required for consideration under the present network.

Mr Peter Rivers, co-ordinator of Radio Jackie, a pirate station broadcast in London for the last 15 years, said last night the station would be interested in applying for one of the new licences.

Government shrugs off MPs' revolt over GLC

If the Government had any misgivings over its Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill after the rebellion in Conservative ranks on Wednesday night, they were well concealed yesterday (Our Political Editor writes).

Ministers pointed with some smugness to the size of their majority, 93, for the Bill's second reading. It was only two-thirds of their nominal overall majority, but comfortable

Nineteen Conservative MPs voted with Labour to deny a second reading to the Bill, which will suspend the elections due next year to the Greater London Council and the six metropolitan county councils, as a first step to the abolition of the authorities themselves. Mr Edward Heath, the most prominent rebel, called the Bill a negation of democracy. But ministers had no difficulty yesterday in writing off him and the three other former Cabinet ministers as disaffected.

The Prime Minister's own response was half-disdainful, half-jocular. She said in the Commons: "In so far as there was a difference between Mr Heath and myself, I am quite sure I was right."

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Radical changes proposed for Stock Exchange

By William Kay

Stockbrokers and stockjobbers will disappear in their present form under radical proposals put forward yesterday by the Council of the Stock Exchange in London.

The principle of keeping brokers and jobbers strictly separate will be replaced by a stock market structure under which everyone will be known as "broker dealers".

The other change is that outsiders will be allowed to own Stock Exchange firms outright. At present the limit is 29.9 per cent.

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TCCB clears England cricketers of drugs abuse

By John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent

The Test and County Cricket Board at Lord's yesterday cleared the England team that went to New Zealand and Pakistan in the winter of charges that they had used drugs illegally. In a statement issued by the executive committee of the TCCB, it was said that their investigations had not substantiated any of the "serious allegations" made.

Rumours that the England cricketers had smoked drugs in Ne Zealand earlier this year and on previous tours came to a head last month when *The Mail On Sunday*, in a three-page story, mentioned names of players allegedly concerned. This article has since become the subject of a writ, issued by Ian Botham against the newspaper. Botham is due to appear at Lord's today, before the disciplinary committee of the TCCB, although that is to acount for statements he made, after returning home early from Pakistan, about the conditions.

In a series of interviews, CH Palmer, the chairman of the TCCB, DB Carr, the secretary, D J Insole, the chairman of the Cricket Committee, and P B H May, the chairman of the England selectors, met, among others, Alan Smith, the manager of the touring side, his assistant, Norman Gifford, and a journalist who travelled with the party. While retaining the right to renew their investigation should any new evidence come to light, the Board stated that they had met with no evidence which suggested that the team's behaviour after playing hours had affected their performance.

The *Mail on Sunday* quoted a strongly worded criticism by a "senior New Zealand cricket official" of the habits of the England players. The TCCB, however, have satisfied themselves, after their own discussions with the cricket authorities in New Zealand, that this was unfounded, asserting instead that the team in general created a good impression with their hosts. The TCCB deplore the use of drugs and will make "a concerted effort" to ensure that such a practice is kept out of the domestic English game.

● Mr Stewart Steven, the editor of the *Mail on Sunday*, said last night: "I am interested to learn that the Test and County Cricket Board executive committee has stated that it has carried out 'wide-ranging investigations' into the allegations concerning the illegal use of drugs" (the Press Association reports).

"The executive committee has failed to even so much as interview a single *Mail on Sunday* journalist involved in this lengthy inquiry

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Botham: at Lord's today

National docks strike looms in defence of labour scheme

By David Felton and Anthony Bevins

The spectre of a national docks strike was raised yesterday by union leaders and a large group of Labour MPs after the signposting of changes in the industry by employers and the Government.

Dock union leaders were angered by suggestions that the port employers, with the Government's support, want to see the National Dock Labour Scheme abolished. The MPs claimed that a change in regulations governing investment in ports was also a recipe for a national strike.

The issue of the reorganization of dock labour will be discussed at a meeting of the Transport and General Workers' Union docks committee next Thursday. It is certain to repeat its threat of militant opposition to any moves to abolish the docks labour scheme, which provides all registered dockers with guaranteed work and outlaws the use of casual labour.

Mr John Connolly, the union's national docks officer, said last night: "This is a fundamental principle for us. Any attempt to abolish the scheme could culminate in a national docks strike."

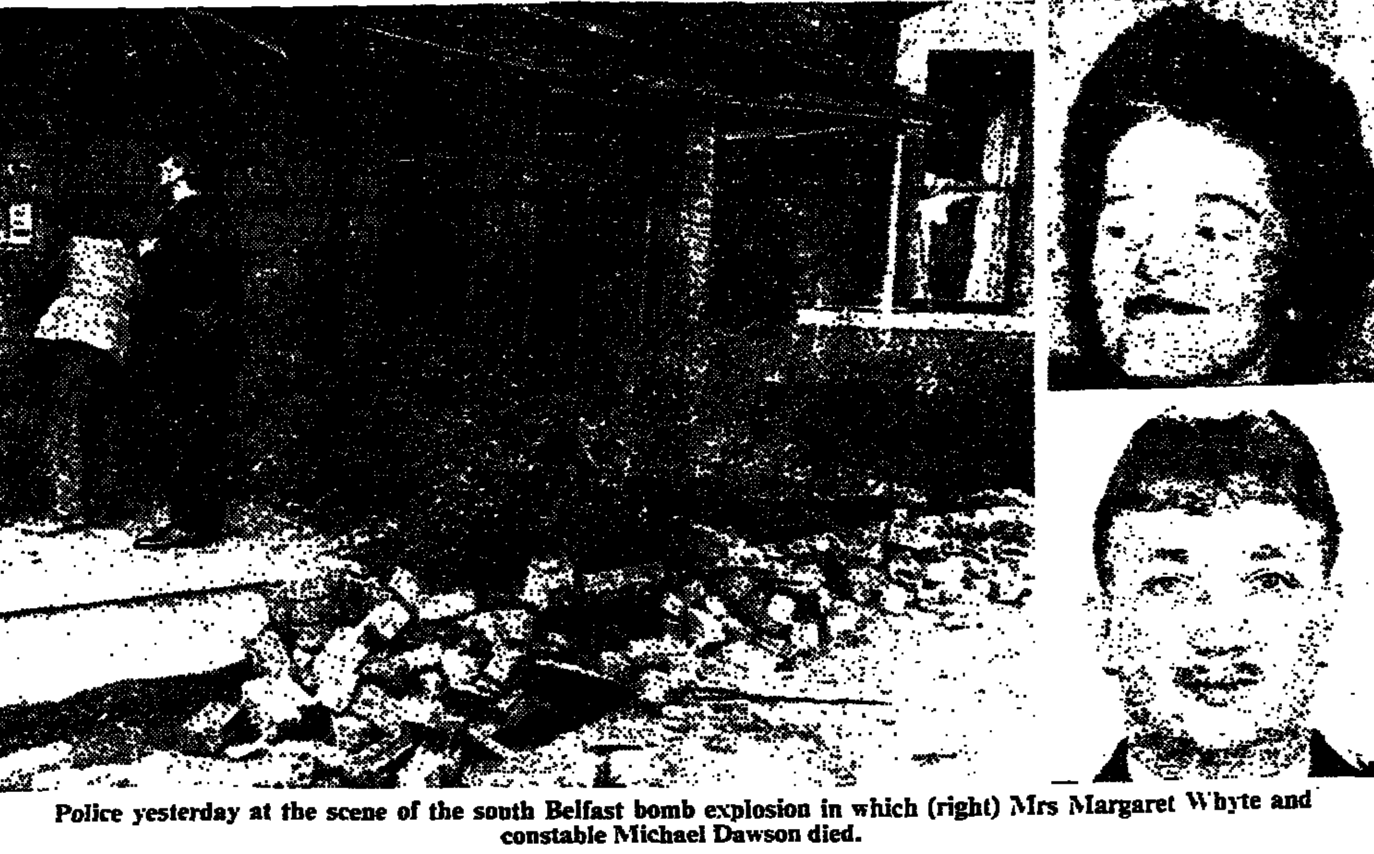
Mr John Prescott, Labour's senior transport spokesman, said moves against the scheme and the Government's announcement that it intends to repeal a section of the Harbours Act allowing an "investment free-for-all" amounted to "a declaration of war."

The unions' and MPs' fears were based on remarks made yesterday at the annual lunch of port employers attended by Mr Nicholas Bidley, Secretary of State for Transport.

Mr Donald Stringer, chairman of the National Association of Port Employers, said the relevance of the labour scheme had long disappeared. "Prolonging its existence can only increasingly inhibit the competitiveness of UK ports," he said.

The scheme, now covers only about 14,000 of the 53,000 employed in British ports. Under scheme agreements, large ports like London and Liverpool have to pay dockers fall-back pay, even if there is no work.

The Order repealing Section 9 of the Harbours Act is expected to be laid before Parliament next week. This will allow a £70m container terminal to go ahead at Falmouth, Cornwall.



Police yesterday at the scene of the south Belfast bomb explosion in which (right) Mrs Margaret Whyte and constable Michael Dawson died.

'Loyalist' bomb kills woman and RUC man

From Richard Ford, Belfast

A Roman Catholic mother of eight children and a policeman were killed yesterday when a "loyalist" bomb exploded outside a house in south Belfast.

The sectarian attack was the *second in a year* at the terrace house in the university area. The bomb, containing about 15lb of explosives, was hidden in a red holdall and had been left under a window of the home of Mr Isadore Whyte.

His wife, Margaret, aged 51, saw the bag when she returned home from part-time taxi driving early yesterday and immediately called the police.

Mr Whyte and Constable Michael Dawson, aged 23, from Newtonards, died when the bomb exploded as they stood outside the house. Constable Dawson, who had been married for 18 months, had just arrived at the house.

	Deaths	Injuries	Explosions
January to April 1984			
Civilians	11	79	
Army/UDR	6	11	
RUC/ RUC Reserve	4	43	
Total	21	133	75
January to June 1983			
Civilians	15	87	
Army/UDR	5	47	
RUC/ RUC Reserve	9	30	
Total	29	164	116

Two other officers, Mr Whyte and another son, were treated for shock.

One of the dead woman's sons, Mr J. M. Whyte denied that the family had any connexion with any political organization. After meeting the policeman's widow and his mother-in-law he said: "I am heartbroken for them. Their grief is exactly the same as our own. This bomb, any bomb, does not discriminate between Protestant and Roman Catholic."

A year ago a "loyalist" bomb exploded at the rear of the Whyte home, severely injuring the man who transported it there. David Maitland, aged 25, from the Protestant Donegall Road area of Belfast, lost a leg. He was given a seven-year prison sentence suspended for three years at Belfast Crown Court earlier this year after admitting causing the explosion.

● Lord Mansfield has resigned as a Minister of State, Northern Ireland Office, on medical advice, and the Lord Lyell has been appointed Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Northern Ireland Office.

Livingstone brings the Queen into GLC fight

By Hugh Clayton
Local Government Correspondent

Mr Kenneth Livingstone, the Greater London Council's Labour leader, said yesterday that the Queen had shown she opposed the abolition of his council by agreeing to open the Thames flood barrier.

Flood prevention is one of the council's "strategic responsibilities", which are at the heart of the argument about whether ministers should scrap the GLC and transfer its work to borough council.

Mr Livingstone's comments appeared this week on the front page of the *Mercury* weekly newspaper series, which circulates in an area including his Paddington ward.

"I have no doubt at all that if the Queen was opposed to the GLC and supported the Government's policy, it would have been difficult to persuade her to open the barrier."

The interview was given less prominence in the newspaper's Paddington edition than an item about an attempt by Lady Porter, Conservative leader of Westminster City Council, to secure contributions from businesses for a campaign backing the GLC's dissolution.

Lady Porter gave wider publicity to Mr Livingstone's words by distributing a statement beyond the newspaper series circulation area.

She said: "This is one of the most disgraceful acts I have seen in my career in politics."

The GLC invited the Queen after the workforce had rejected its plan to have the barrier opened by one of them. "What cheek to make our Queen his second choice", Lady Porter said.

Ministers to reconsider security for arms works

By Richard Evans

Defence ministers are expected to reconsider proposals for private security companies to replace Ministry of Defence police in protecting 11 ordnance factories after privatization this year.

Sir Anthony Buck, chairman of the Conservative backbench committee, said last night that he was raising the issue with Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence. "In hypersensitive areas like this there should be an element of government supervision over security arrangements", he said.

MPs of all parties have criticized the disclosure that unvetted members of private security companies, who, unlike ministry police, will not have access to arms, are to take over the duties.

They fear that the establishments, which manufacture explosives, ammunition and arms, would be more susceptible to terrorist attack.

The factories are Bishopton, Renfrewshire; Chorley, Lancashire; Radway Green, Cheshire; Glascoed, Clwyd; Birtley, co Durham; Patricroft, Greater Amanchester; Enfield; Bridgwater, Somerset; Leeds; Blackburn; and Nottingham.

Mr Kevin McNamara, Labour MP for Hull North and an opposition defence spokesman, is trying to get a clause added to the privatization Bill requiring Mr Heseltine to produce proposals for a unified security service to protect the property, services and employees after the transfer.

The Secretary of State would have to detail the qualifications, training and experience expected of any member of such a service.

Mr McNamara said: "We would like to have an arrangement whereby the security service for these factories was directly responsible to the minister. Preferably the ministry police should remain responsible."

Private road finance is rejected

The Government has rejected private finance for a £40m dual carriageway road in the West Midlands, despite ministerial interest in the concept of privately financed roads to reduce Government expenditure.

The four-and-a-half mile road would link the M6 and the A4123 at Wolverhampton and a financing package was put together by a consortium of West Midlands County Council, Tarmac Construction, National Westminster Bank and Saturn Management.

Bettaney gives evidence

The MI5 officer accused of trying to spy for the Soviet Union gave evidence in his defence yesterday before a jury at the Central Criminal Court sitting in camera.

Mr Michael Bettaney, aged 34, of Coulsdon, Surrey, who pleaded not guilty on Tuesday to 10 charges under the Official Secrets Acts, was the only witness for the defence. Closing speeches are expected to begin today.

Diamond theft

Thieves took diamonds and gold to the value of £150,000 from a house in Binfield, Berkshire, on Wednesday night. The valuables belonged to a London jewelry salesman visiting a friend at the house.

$1.3m for hidden necklace

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Florence Gould's sapphire and diamond necklace, which escaped armed robbers at Christie's in London in January, was sold in New York on Wednesday night for $1,320,000 (estimate more than $1m) or £916,666.

When the robbers invaded Christie's viewing room, Miss Andrea Macdonald had the necklace in her hand and slipped it into the pocket of a Christie's expert.

The Gould jewelry was on show and the robbers' haul included one of a pair of diamond earrings. The other was sold in New York for $209,000 (estimates $80,000 to $100,000) or £145,139.

Florence Lacaze married Frank J. Gould in 1923. The Gould family controlled the Western Union telegraph, New York's elevated railways and a slice of the railway system of the south-western United States. The couple lived in Paris and Cannes, helping to make the Riviera fashionable, and Florence's jewels were sumptuous.

Christie's had devoted a special catalogue to them. Nothing was unsold. The sale made £5.6m.

In London, Christie's was selling French furniture, with a Boulle commode at £486,000 causing the sensation of the day. It is a magnificent Louis XIV ormolu-mounted ebony and tortoiseshell *marquetry* piece; its pair is in the Hermitage Museum in Leningrad.

Cable TV licence assurance

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

The cable television operators who were given approval last year to run multichannel cable television networks met government ministers yesterday to ask for their licences and for a relaxation of the Government's policy on "pay per view" television.

The 11 cable operators have been concerned about not having formally received licences for their networks and yesterday were given assurances about receiving interim ones to allow them to start installation.

The Cable and Broadcasting Bill, which empowers the Government or its appointed agency the right to award cable television licenses will not be law until later in the year.

The cable operators also want to offer "pay per view" services which are now forbidden in order to protect the events principally in sport that have previously been the province of the BBC and the Independence Broadcasting Authority. These events are not to become the subject of competitive bidding.

The cable operators argued yesterday that they could still offer a service without distracting from any offered by the networks.

The operators are also worried because provisions in the last Budget mean that only part of the cost of installing the cable *can* now be written off against tax instead of the full amount.

The cable networks are expected not to break even for nine years instead of the seven previously calculated. The ministers at yesterday's meeting at the Home Office advised the operators to raise the matter with the Treasury.

The meeting was attended by Mr Kenneth Baker, Minister of Information Technology, Mr Douglas Hurd, Broadcasting Minister at the Home Office.

UK shop micros from Japan

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

ICL, the flagship of the British computer industry, has launched a new computer system for supermarkets but it has chosen to have a substantial part of the equipment made in Japan in preference to Britain.

The computer terminals and the scanners which read the prices on the goods have been designed by the British company but because of the volume, expected to be 100,000 in five years, the manufacturing contract has gone to the Far East. The processor which coordinates and collates the information from the checkout computers is made by ICL. The software, or computer programs, required to operate the system will also be British.

Since the Government rescued ICL in the spring of 1981 with a new management team and loan guarantees, the company has shed more than 5,000 employees, only 1,000 of which were overseas. It has also increased its product range by making deals with Mitel of Canada, Fujitsu of Japan and Three Rivers Corporation of the United States.

The new supermarket system will allow ICL to compete in a market which is estimated to be worth billions of pounds. Each of the main supermarket chains in Britain is poised to invest about £20m to £30m in introducing the electronic point of sale (Epos) equipment.

The checkout cashier passes goods over a device which scans the bar code on the side of the purchase. More than 80 per cent of the products in supermarkets have bar coding.

J. Sainsbury the supermarket chain will be the first in the UK to install the ICL system.

Auditor criticizes property agency

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

The Property Services Agency which, manages government buildings, is strongly criticized over spending on *maintenance in a report by the* Comptroller and Auditor General, Mr Gordon Downey, published yesterday.

The indictment comes after critical reports on slack management and the sudden resignation last month, at the request of the Secretary of State for the Environment, Mr Patrick Jenkin, of the agency's chief executive, Mr Montague Alfred.

The agency spends about £515m a year on maintenance of government property and a further £35m on other bodies' property. In the United Kingdom the Government's civil property amounts to about 9,000 holdings providing about 12m square metres of accommodation: the defence property amounts to about 285,000 hectares.

The report says: "It would be wrong to infer that there is *nothing right* about PSA's management of maintenance. PSA's staff are concerned to perform their duties well and to secure good value for money. This results in much effective work based on decisions taken locally."

But the investigation by the National Audit Office found many weaknesses because of the diffusion of management responsibilities and a loose system of control.

Most of the maintenance spending is controlled through the agency's 155 district works offices, and the report says there is too little information about the general condition of property in its care. Selective condition surveys, however, have identified "some seriously defective buildings in the civil estate, *and there is some* evidence that parts of the defence estate may be in poor condition."

The report says there are no broad performance measures to demonstrate the overall results achieved by the agency's maintenance.

At district level there is no fully reliable information as to how much work is not fully inspected before payment is authorized: "While the consequences of work not being done properly will eventually become apparent, it may then be too late to seek redress from negligent contractors."

The investigation found evidence of a serious backlog in the pricing of orders.

Property Services Agency: Building Maintenance Expenditure in the United Kingdom (Stationery Office, £4.20).

Children with dyslexia face care hearing

A boy, aged nine, who cannot read or write and his sister, aged 11, both diagnosed as dyslexic, are to appear before a juvenile court to determine whether they are in need of care or control.

Their parents, from Basildon, Essex, were given a conditional discharge by Billericay magistrates yesterday on four charges of failing to send them to school.

After the hearing the children's mother said that Essex County Council had refused to pay the fees for a private school in Kent specializing in language learning difficulties, and there was no *similar facility in Essex*. She and her husband were trying to educate the children at home.

Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 700 mils; Denmark Dkr 8.50; Finland Mkk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.80; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.40; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 38; Madeira Esc 125; Morocco Dir 8.00; *Norway Kr 6.50; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal* Esc 125; Singapore $5.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 8.50; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 100

Labour gets accusations over Oman published

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majority on all committees, are unlikely to allow further investigation.

Mr Campbell-Savours said he had submitted resolutions asking the committee to call for evidence from the prime minister, her husband, her son, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and the Foreign Secretary, but were ruled out of order by the chairman, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith.

Mr Campbell-Savours said this refusal denied the committee the opportunity of establishing the facts fully.

● Mrs Thatcher said yesterday that any question about her knowledge of her son's or anyone else's business affairs was irrelevant to the Oman contract (Julian Haviland writes).

In answer to a letter this week from Mr Peter Shore, chief opposition spokesman on trade and industry, she said this was so because, when visiting Oman in 1981, she had raised Britain's general interests in relation to all aspects of the contract, and not those of Cementation or any other company.

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Party killer to be sentenced

A man who fired a revolver into a room full of partygoers, killing one man and wounding another, will be sentenced at Birmingham Crown Court today after being found guilty of manslaughter and unlawful wounding.

William McFall, of Varden Croft, Balsall Heath, Birmingham, was acquitted yesterday of murder and attempted murder. The jury was told that McFall, aged 54, had suffered three sleepless nights from a prolonged party in a maisonette near by. As he fired he shouted: "You have driven me to the limit".

Poll shows British fears on US nuclear weapons

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

Almost two-thirds of British people would not trust the United States Government to consult the British Government before launching nuclear weapons from British soil, according to an opinion poll.

That finding, from a poll conducted by Gallup late last month for the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament was announced yesterday as CND took journalists on a tour to point out the significance of several US bases in southern England.

It showed that 65 per cent felt the United States could not be trusted to ask before launching nuclear weapons from bases in Britain and that only 26 per cent thought it could be trusted.

However, 49 per cent said that US nuclear bases should be allowed to remain in Britain, while 43 per cent were opposed. In a similar poll conducted for CND last May by MORI 57 per cent said the bases should stay.

The Gallup poll showed that 53 per cent were opposed to US-controlled cruise missiles being based in Britain.

In the period up to Easter, CND will be involved in more than 100 demonstrations

Pia Cramling on her way to a fourth round victory.

Chess lead shared

From Harry Golombek, Oakham

Murshed's progress in the Oakham junior international tournament in Oakham seems to have been checked since he followed up his early draw in the fourth round with a 13-move draw against the American master Dlugy in the fifth round yesterday. The junior world champion Georgiev took advantage of Murshed's lack of enterprise to win quickly against Peter Wells and thus came up to share first place with Murshed.

The leading scores now are *Gallagher, Georgiev and Murshed* 4; Dlugy Gudmundsson, Hawksworth and Levitt 3½

Results in round five: Murshed ½, Dlugy ½; Short 0, Gallagher 1; Georgiev 1, Wells 0; Hawksworth ½, Gudmundsson ½; Thomson 0, Leven 1, Klinger ½, Hjorth ½; Hofmann 0, Cramling 1; Staniszewski 0, Crawley 1, Zysk 0, Grivas 1; Gil-Gonzales 1, Bradbury 0, Lane 1, Araman 0;; Ostenstad 1, Kuznecov 0; Walker ½, Needham ½. Games between King and Horvath, Stohl and Hodgson, Howell and Kozul, Dawson and Condie, Luce and Norwood, Wong and D'Amore, and Conquest and Ebeling all adjourned. Adjourned games results in round five: King 1, Dawson 0; Wells 1, Luce 0; Cramling 1, Conquest 0; Bradbury 0, Howell 1.

Nurses' pay offer likely to be 6–9%

By Nicholas Timmins
Social Services Correspondent

Recommendations on pay rises for 500,000 National Health Service nurses, midwives and other staff have been sent to Downing Street from the review body on nurses' and midwives' pay.

Reports that increases of up to 20 per cent have been recommended were dismissed as fantasy yesterday and the average increase recommended *is likely to be single figures*.

The Government has allowed a 3 per cent increase in pay for the NHS, and with nurses and midwives making up 44 per cent of the NHS pay bill, a 6 per cent increase would mean that the 1 *per cent growth which the* NHS has been promised for the present financial year.

The 1 per cent growth allows only for the rising numbers of elderly, with no allowance for the extra cost of medical advances which health authorities are being expected to fund from savings.

Unless any rise above 3 per cent is met by extra funds, a 6 per cent increase would mean a real cut in the NHS spending, even assuming that ancillary workers who have yet to settle are kept to 3 per cent, along with doctors and dentists

Council backs Marylebone busway plan

Long-distance coaches are treating the quiet squares of Belgravia and Pimlico like aircraft stacked up for Heathrow, Westminster's planning chief said yesterday.

Pledging strong support for the Marylebone busway project despite opposition from British Rail, Mr Alan Bradley, chairman of Westminster's planning committee, said Victoria coach station was heavily overloaded and was causing street congestion and environmental damage over a large area of west and north London.

The proposal by National Bus to redevelop Marylebone station already set for closure by British Rail – as a coach terminal and its line to Northolt as an express coachway would bring welcome relief to the residents and roads of Westminster. It would receive strong backing from the council as the planning authority for Marylebone, Mr Bradley said yesterday.

The 11-acre Marylebone site is worth around £50m on the open market and will probably be redeveloped with housing and small offices, as well as a bus station.

Sex offence reforms may extend rape law to couples living apart

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

An extension of the law of rape to cover husbands and wives living apart, and a new maximum penalty of life imprisonment for attempted rape, instead of the present seven years, are among radical reforms of the law on sexual offences urged by the Criminal Law Revision Committee published yesterday.

The Government is expected to implement the proposals which deal with offences such as rape, indecent assault, buggery and incest.

The report also urges a new 10-year maximum penalty for indecent assault against both sexes and the abolition of buggery as an offence between men and women where there is consent.

The right to anonymity in court for a man accused of rape should be abolished, the committee said, and the presumption that no boy aged under 14 is capable of sexual intercourse and rape should be scrapped.

It also recommends that restrictions on cross examining a woman about her previous sexual history with other men, unless the judge give leave, should be extended to include her relations with the defendant.

The report, the product of eight years' work by the 17-member committee of senior judges and lawyers under the chairmanship of Lord Justice Lawton, comes after its own working paper in 1980 and that of the Policy Advisory Committee on Sexual Offences in 1981.

The most significant change since the working paper is the new maximum penalty for indecent assault, increased from five to 10 years.

Lord Justice Lawton said yesterday: "Members of the public clearly took the view that some of the indecent assaults are terribly serious, some even worse than rape, so clearly something had to be done."

Under present law, there is a 10-year maximum penalty for indecent assault against a man, but only of two years against a woman.

Now, buggery is an offence except between two consenting males aged over 21, punishable with up to life imprisonment where committed against a woman, or a boy aged under 16.

The committee proposes abolishing the offence between a man and consenting woman aged over 16. But it should remain an offence punishable with life imprisonment with a non-consenting adult, or child aged under 13. The penalty with a girl under 16 is five years.

Despite a strong lobby from women's groups and the majority view of the policy advisory committee, the criminal law committee rejected extending rape law to marriage except where the couple is living apart.

Incest, at present an offence at all ages, should be permitted between brother and sister aged over 21, but would remain an offence between parent, children, and grandchildren.

Lord Justice Lawton said that the proposal would cover the rare cases where a brother and sister were divided at infancy, met later in life and fell in love. It was not in the public interest to bring such cases to court, he said.

But the committee urges incest to be extended to cover adoptive as well as blood relationships and a separate offence of unlawful sexual intercourse with a stepchild aged under 21.

It also recommends a new offence to cover heterosexual and homosexual acts in public, which would include clubs and places of common resort, as well as places seen from a public place. There should be a specific new offence for homosexual acts in public lavatories, it says.

Sexual offences, 15th report of the Criminal Law Revision Committee Cmmnd 9213 (Stationery Office £6.40).



Warning on aspirins by public analyst

By Robin Young

Local authorities lack powers to protect the public from deteriorated drugs and worthless health products, the Association of Public Analysts claims in its annual report published today.

"The control of medicinal products at retail outlets is still virtually non-existent", the report says.

Mr Peter Martin, public analyst for Berkshire and Oxfordshire, told the association's annual meeting in Norwich that a survey in his counties suggested that nearly 30 tons of substandard aspirins, likely to cause internal bleeding, are waiting to be sold from Britain's non-pharmacy outlets.

He said: "In our survey 8 per cent of the samples had become unstable and contained an excess of salicylic acid over the amount permitted by the *British Pharmacopoeia*.

The analysts also fear that health foods are inadequately controlled.

Carcinogenic mycotoxins have been discovered in nuts and fruit juices, the report says, but although there are statutory regulations against their presence in animal feeds, there are still no legal limits for food sold for human consumption.

The report says: "So-called health foods are often deficient in protein or calorific value, or bear exaggerated claims on the labels".

Children are honoured for bravery



Two children received special awards from Princess Alexandra yesterday as a reward for their courage.

Samantha Lewis, aged nine, from Tolworth, Surrey, rescued her brother James, aged three, from drowning in a French lake last summer.

Samantha (seen above with her brother) swam out to James after he got into difficulties and hauled him towards the shore.

"It was nothing really", she told the Princess at the award ceremony in London.

Samantha was joint winner in the youngest age group of the Britannia Young Citizens' Award in memory of Ross McWhirter, to promote good citizenship.

Barry Tippett, cowinner, aged 11, from Polperro, Cornwall, tackled a kitchen fire and led his mother to safety.

He beat out the flames with a jacket and soaked a towel with water to wrap round his mother's badly burned wrists.

He is seen (right) talking to Mr Angus Ogilvy, one of the judges of the awards. (Photographs: Harry Kerr).

Wine box sales rise

Wine boxes could account for a quarter of all the wine sold in Britain within three years, a leading supplier said yesterday. Since their launch in 1981, wine boxes have taken more than 10 per cent of the UK market and the Budget, which cut 77p of a three-litre box, is expected to boost sales Mr Steve Duncan, of Colman's of Norwich, said.

Embryo research defended

From Thomson Prentice Science Correspondent Cambridge

Scientists had a moral obligation to use "spare" human embryos for research and it would be immoral not to investigate them and keep them in storage, Mr Patrick Steptoe, one of the pioneers of test-tube baby techniques, said yesterday.

Mr Steptoe, who with his colleague Dr Robert Edwards has supervised the birth of 202 test-tube babies since 1978, said: "We treat these embryos with great care and respect and there is an enormous responsibility on us concerning their storage either for later implantation or for scientific research".

Mr Steptoe was speaking after addressing the British Medical Association's annual scientific meeting in Cambridge. He confirmed that he and his colleagues at Bourn Hall Clinic could deep freeze human embryos in a technique that had already led to the birth announced in Melbourne this week of a baby from such an embryo.

Sellafield villagers offered body scans

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

People living near the Sellafield (formerly Winscale) nuclear waste plant in Cumbria will be able to have their bodies scanned for radioactivity from next Tuesday.

A mobile whole body monitor, similar to the earlier mobile mass X-ray screening units, has been installed in a trailer so that any member of the public wanting a check-up can be screened in about 20 minutes.

Individuals will be given a certificate showing how much radioactive material of natural origin is in their body and how much from artificial sources, such as nuclear fall-out and waste.

The screening programme will be carried out by the National Radiological Protection Board and its findings will be made available, without the disclosure of identities, to Sir Douglas Black, the former president of the Royal College of Physicians.

He is investigating allegations that villages near Sellafield have a higher than normal incidence of cancers, particularly leukaemia in children, because of the presence of radioactive contamination from Sellafield.

Mr John Dunster, director of the protection board, said yesterday: "Although most of the radioactive materials measured are likely to be of natural origin, the measurements will indicate whether people living in Seascale have a higher level of body radioactivity which could be the result of the operations at the Sellafield works."

More important, he said, it could show if there was some route by which radioactive materials from waste entered the body which had not been recognized by doctors and scientists monitoring land, water, air, milk and plants in the areas.

● Contaminated beaches near Sellafield are not expected to be open for Easter, despite a huge cleaning operation (the Press Association report). People have been advised to stay away from 15 miles of beaches since last November.

Mr William Waldegrave, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, is to visit the beaches and tour the plant today.

House valuers report 11% price rise

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

An optimistic view of the housing market for the next few months emerges from the latest *Financial Weekly*/Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers survey, published today.

The survey shows an increase of 11 per cent in average prices during the past 12 months, and of 2.5 per cent in the first three months of this year.

Both figures are higher than those published earlier this week by the Halifax Building Society, whose new and comprehensive index showed respective increases of 7.3 per cent and 0.5 per cent.

The survey was done a week after the Budget and shortly after the mortgage rate reduction and stamp duty changes. With few exceptions the valuers responding to the survey were sure the recovery would continue and accelerate during the spring and early summer, provided there was no big reduction in investments in building societies and provided the economic recovery is sustained.

The survey reports a nationwide increase in demand for properties suited to first-time buyers. The trend is likely to be emphasized in coming months by the raising of the stamp duty threshold to £30,000, which has removed a tax burden for many first-time buyers.

However, there appears to be poor demand for modern executive-style four-bedroom properties. The survey admits it is unclear whether the boom in the first-time buyers' market ultimately works through the system to increase demand for dearer properties.

This is because demand for this type of house may continue to be depressed in areas where potential purchasers are unwilling to take on large mortgages while security of employment is in doubt.

The survey says: "If this situation continues, then some areas of the country may experience shortages at the bottom end of the market with prices moving up sharply due to increases in demand, with prices continuing to stagnate at the top end of the market".

Resistance memories

Mrs Odette Hallowes (far left), who won the George Cross for her work in the Resistance in France, and Lady Airey, widow of Airey Neave, who was involved with Resistance as an evasion expert, at the Imperial War Museum yesterday. They drank wine brought in a canister originally containing supplies parachuted into occupied France. (Photograph: John Manning).

Programme makers want satellite deal

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

Britain's independent television programme makers are making a last-minute effort to win a stake in the direct broadcast deal being struck by the Government, the BBC and the ITV companies.

An independents' group was formed by the creation of Channel 4, which accounts for most of their £50m worth of programme finance. They fear that the BBC-ITV satellite partnership will force many independent producers out of business by increasing their production costs to match those of ITV.

The producers pay staff union rates based on an independent agreement but do not add the 20 to 40 per cent local increases negotiated in most ITV companies.

That means the cost of independent programmes is about two-thirds of that of the same production mounted in-house by ITV or the BBC.

The ITV companies expect this year's advertising revenue to reach a record of £1 billion.

The independents fear that that will continue to inflate ITV's already high pay scales, and quote a Thames Television executive who revealed that the average salary of all staff within the company, from doorman to director, is £17,000.

Mr Martin Tempia, administrator of the Independent Programme Producers' Association, said yesterday: "The ITV set-up is Fleet Street writ large, with the unions being bought off at the same time as investors receive huge dividends. With revenue of £950m to £1 billion a year they are in a position to buy their way out of trouble".

The association has suggested that the Government gives 4 per cent of the output on the satellite to independent producers.

However, Mr Jeremy Wallington, chief executive of the independent London studios, Limehouse, said the independent sector might also be able to secure backers for a direct stake in the scheme.

He said that if ITV companies get their franchises extended as part of the deal, it will deprive many people in the independent sector of the chance to compete for ITV licences until the mid-1990s.

TV-am's new man

Mr Michael Moore, aged 35, advertisement director at News Group Newspapers, which owns *The Sun* and *News of the World*, joins TV-am as general manager at the end of this month (the Press Association reports).

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Navy to get American Harpoon missiles

DEFENCE

The Government has decided to buy the McDonnell Douglas Harpoon surface-to-surface guided weapon for Royal Navy frigates, Mr Geoffrey Pattie, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, announced in a statement to the Commons. McDonnell Douglas, he added, had undertaken to provide offset work for British industry to the value of 130 per cent of the cost of the Harpoon order.

He also announced that the Government had placed a firm contract with British Aerospace for the full development and initial production of the vertically launched version of the Seawolf surface-to-air missile for the Navy.

Mr Pattie said: For some months we have been conducting a competition for a second generation surface-to-surface guided weapon for the four batch III type 22 frigates and the first eight type 23 frigates. The contenders were British Aerospace's ship launched Sea Eagle, McDonnell Douglas's ship launched Harpoon, Aerospatiale's exocet MM40, and versions of Otomat from Oto Melara and Matra. The thorough-going evaluation of these contenders has taken into account performance, cost and timescale considerations, as well as industrial and employment factors.

The competition has been keen and of considerable benefit in assuring value for money. Following the submission of "best and final" offers from the competing contractors the outcome is clear. Having taken all relevant factors into account, the Government has concluded that the best choice on both operational and cost grounds is the McDonnell Douglas Harpoon: a proven system, which has had 100 per cent success rate in more than 200 firings since 1978, and variants of which are already in service with the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force.

Subject to agreement with the company on contractual terms and conditions, we will place a fixed price contract worth £130m for Harpoon missiles and associated ship systems for the batch III type 22 and the type 23 frigates. The total value is of the order of £200m.

I recognize that there will be disappointment that we have decided not to buy British for this item of Royal Navy equipment. However, the United Kingdom's position with regard to the high technology involved in advanced missiles has been preserved by our earlier decisions to purchase ALARM and air launched Sea Eagle from British Aerospace. I take this opportunity of reaffirming the Ministry of Defence's commitment to air launched Sea Eagle and also of reminding the House that 95 in the MOD's procurement sound is spent in this country.

The employment implications of the various options have been an important consideration in our decision. I am pleased to be able to tell the House that McDonnell Douglas have undertaken to provide offset work for British industry to the value of 130 per cent of the cost of the Harpoon order, of which half will be in areas of high technology and 30 per cent on the Harpoon programme itself.

McDonnell Douglas' track record on offset is excellent and their undertaking will be incorporated in the contract. Over the past seven years they have placed well over £300m worth of contracts in the United Kingdom at all levels of industry and on sub-Harpoon their offset eventually totalled one-and-a-half times the purchase price.

Another important consideration was the need to reduce as far as uncertainties caused by future exchange rate fluctuations.

In this respect we have achieved an agreement with McDonnell Douglas that 30 per cent of the value of the contract will be payable in sterling.

The Government are convinced that this decision is right for the Royal Navy and right for the taxpayer, and is also entirely satisfactory in employment terms for British industry.

In addition, I am also glad to be able to inform the House that today we have authorised the placing of a firm contract with British Aerospace for the full development and initial production of the vertically launched version of the Seawolf surface-to-air missile for the Royal Navy's type 23 frigates.

This important programme will ensure that Seawolf keeps its substantial lead over all its international competitors, and will have the most modern versatile and devastating point defence missile system available.

This is a programme of major importance for the Royal Navy and British industry. The initial order alone is worth some £250m. Taken alongside the substantial order which we placed some weeks ago for the third main production order for conventionally-launched Seawolf, this order will sustain the momentum of the programme and – not least – will sustain job opportunities at British Aerospace and their sub-contractors.

The Royal Navy has today acquired two highly effective modern systems which will greatly enhance operational effectiveness.

Mr Kevin McNamara an opposition spokesman on defence (Hull North, Lab): The statement is the second major blow which British Aerospace has had in the past few weeks. The basic jet trainer is to go to a foreign competitor and the Sea Eagle decision has been sacrificed to American competitors, against all the criteria laid down by the Minister of State when writing about these matters. He said then that in discussing orders we should discuss the possible deterioration of the value of the pound, national consumption and infrastructure and problems of the break-up of British design teams and our international lead.


Young: A sell-out to the Americans

Roughly £40m to £42m of the Harpoon order will be at a fixed price. What about the rest? Will the other 70 per cent be subject to the fluctuations of the market and more particularly, in view of recent history, will it be more expensive for us?

How does he justify this decision against the history of trade with the United States which has been two to one in favour of the United States, excluding Trident? We are giving more to the United States in this matter, excluding arrangements we are trying to make with our Nato European colleagues to have Nato systems developed on this side of the Atlantic.

Are McDonnell Douglas in a position to guarantee the same number of man-years of employment as British Aerospace and to guarantee the same amount of high technology in this country. As 70 per cent of the contract is not high technology, will it be merely on tin bashing and Meccano work?

The whole of the latter half of the statement about Sea Wolf was purely a sop to quieten Conservative MPs because Sea Wolf has already proved its value in trials.

It is a biscuit to satisfy the dogs behind him and does not disguise the fact that the decision is a gross betrayal of British industry, British technology and British jobs.

Mr Pattie: It is clear that Mr McNamara is having difficulty in finding a suitable target. To suggest that a full-scale development order of £250m is some kind of sop is an indication of Mr McNamara's scale of values. If that is a sop, I should like to know what he considers a major order.

Many British companies, ranging across the nation, which are part of the Harpoon programme, will be extremely pleased by the decision.

He talks about the exchange rate being two to one against the United Kingdom, but when his Government came to office in 1979, the exchange rate was four to one.

To characterize the agreement in the terms he has used is nothing more than a travesty of the truth.

Sir Anthony Buck (Colchester North, C): The most important thing is that the Royal Navy should have the finest available equipment. Can he assure us that as a result of the decision that will come about?

Mr Pattie: The prime consideration has to be whether this is the equipment the Royal Navy requires and they can feel that this system will be fully effective for their needs. This system has had 200 successful firings since 1978 and the kind of offer we were made was one we could not afford to ignore.

Mr Russell Johnston (Inverness, Nairn and Lochaber, L): Is it wise in the long term to become so dependent on the United States in weapon systems and related research and development?

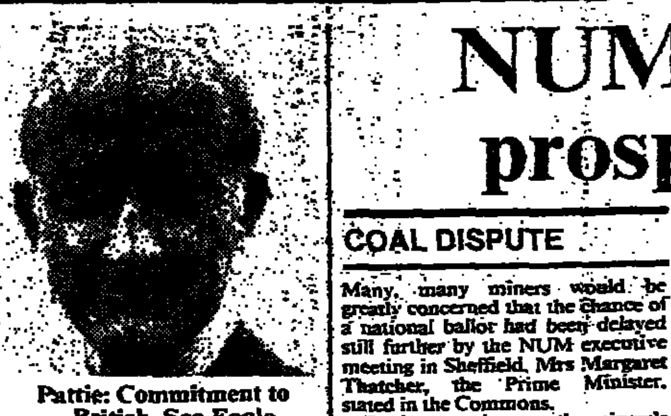
Mr Pattie said that in the matter of operational difference, the British Aerospace contender was still only under consideration. They took seriously the point he made about defence technology and that had been precisely the point in mind in making the decision on Alarm.

Mr Patrick Duffy (Sheffield, Attercliffe, Lab): His opposite number in Washington would not have got such a statement past the House Appropriations Committee.

Mr Pattie: I am fully aware of the protectionist tendencies in the United States, and that they thought they saw those tendencies here when we adopted the Alarm system.

Mr David Young (Bolton South East, Lab): My constituents will see Mr Pattie's statement as a sell-out by this Government to American interests.

Mr Pattie: I totally repudiate what Mr Young has said about a sell-out. It is the most effective use of the


Pattie: Commitment to British Sea Eagle

defence budget and we are satisfied that the technology base has been secured.

Mr Michael Marshall (Arundel, C) *asked if there were likely to be* any further announcements to encourage British interests. Mr Pattie said it was confidently expected that the US Navy would buy the Marconi system in their important VHF and communications contract.

Mr Douglas Hoyle (Warrington North, Lab): British technology can not be thrown away in this way. Is Mr Pattie quite happy that 10,000 jobs could be at risk?

Would it not have been better for British interests not to have been acting as a Washington poodle?

Mr Pattie: Those in Washington *who have had to do business with* me in the past will be somewhat amused to hear me described in these terms.

I repudiate the figure of 10,000 jobs at risk. We are talking about a whole lot of jobs safeguarded and new opportunities created.

Mr Ernest Ross (Dundee West, Lab) said the Americans stood up for their own interests but Mr Pattie regularly failed to do so.

Mr Pattie said the design teams in Britain would like every single order, no matter what degree of overloading this led to. But the technology Britain needed had been safeguarded.

Mr Winston Churchill (Davyhulme, C) said one of the factors in the choice of the Harpoon was the fact that *the Royal Navy had acquired* the sub-Harpoon in the 1970s when the Labour Government was in office.

Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab): Is not the track record of McDonnell Douglas that they go to some British sub-contractors for the *simple* operations but for the high technology, sophisticated operations they will as always in the past go to American high technology sub-contractors? Do we not lose out on that?

Mr Pattie: The offset arrangements which I described to the House in over-all terms also include a significant proportion of high technology work. The United States know well that we are not satisfied with tin bashing.

Mr Bowen Wells (Hertford and Stortford, C): *Will he assure me that* the research and development invested by his department and British Aerospace in air-launched Sea Eagle will not be thrown away by *this decision and that the family* of missiles which should eventually result in a land-launched Sea Eagle will not be jeopardized?

Mr Pattie: The technology that is *relevant to air-launched Sea Eagle* will continue by definition. We would be happy to consider any future developments which British Aerospace wanted to discuss with us.

Royal Assent

The following Acts received the Royal Assent: Road Traffic (Driving Instruction); Lotteries (Amendment); Town and Country Planning; Education (Grants and Awards); Telecommunications; London Docklands; Standard Chartered Bank.

NUM ballot a closer prospect – Kinnock

COAL DISPUTE

Many, many miners would be greatly concerned that the chance of a national ballot *had been* delayed still further by the NUM executive meeting in Sheffield, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, stated in the Commons.

During questions on the miners's dispute, she condemned the attempt to injure police horses on *picket lines with nails stuck in* pieces of wood as "disgraceful and callous" behaviour.

She resisted *demands from* Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, to instruct Mr Ian MacGregor, coal board chairman, to alter the scale of changes in the mining industry in order to save its future.

Mr Gerard Howarth (Cannock and Burntwood, C) began the exchanges when he said miners in his constituency would be extremely disappointed by the NUM decision not to hold an immediate national ballot.

The proposal to alter the rule book will be seen by many (he went on) *as a simple attempt* to coerce out on strike men who in the case of my constituency, have voted three to one to carry on working and supporting their families.

Mrs Thatcher: Many, many miners will be greatly concerned that the chance of a national ballot has been delayed still further.

Mr Kinnock: Will she join with me in welcoming the fact *that a national* ballot of the NUM is now a clearer and closer prospect that it was before today's decision? (Conservative laughter).

It is a much clearer and closer prospect than ballots for the election of a council to run London in the next four years.

Would she address the real issues of the coal mining dispute? She has clearly instructed Mr MacGregor *to* run down the coal mining industry *in* substantial part regardless of the cost.

Does not she understand the price *of that strategy for the industry*, for the communities dependent on the industry and for the country generally, are immense? Will she therefore change that strategy and *instruct* Mr MacGregor to do the appropriate thing?

Mrs Thatcher: I assume if he welcomes the fact that a national ballot is clearer and closer – and that is his phrase – that he would have preferred it to have been decided today. Perhaps he would make that clear.

The *Plan for Coal* is as it has always been. In the 11 years of Labour Government some 300 mines were closed; in nine years of Conservative Government 92 have been closed.

Mr Kinnock: In giving instructions on ballots, she is rather *in* the position of someone in a glasshouse *throwing* stones. As for comparison with the rundown, throughout the lifetime of the Labour Government there were some jobs for redundant miners to go to. Now they are no jobs to go to.

If she is concerned about cost, she should realise the cost of replacing *four million tonnes* of coal is likely to be the purchase of Australian coal. Even if that resulted in the saving of £120m the resulting redundancies would cost £160m a year apart from redundancy payments od £300m over the next couple of years.

Mrs Thatcher: There have been no compulsory redundancies so *far*. (Labour shouts of "So far"). The redundancy money offered under this Government is far more generous than that offered under any Labour Government.

Investment in the future of the coal mining industry under this *Government* is far better than under any Labour Government. Coal mines have a better future under Conservatives *than* they ever *had* under Labour. (Conservative cheers).

Mr Kinnock: The investment which she is supposed to be sponsoring, of *which she is proud*, and which is welcome, relates to production in the 1990s on a few specific limited sites. *The problem is here now.*

Will she instruct Mr MacGregor to alter the pace, scale and method of changes to the coal mining industry to ensure its future and save the industry?

Mrs Thatcher: We are ensuring the future. When did the Labour Government put *£800m* a year investment into the coal mines?

Mr Richard Alexander (Newark, C): Has she seen the example of nails stuck in pieces of wood, left around in various places designed to cripple horses? Will she condemn this heartless cruelty? This is not peaceful picketing but is crude and violent and justifies every policeman on the beat designed to get my constituents to work.

Mrs Thatcher: I understand it did happen *at one mine. Such* behaviour is disgraceful and callous.

Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democratic Party, asked why the Government had rejected the SDP amendment which would have allowed for trigger ballots when a significant group in any industry wanted a ballot.

It is clear (he said) that the tactics *of the national executive of the* NUM create such chaos in its own union that eventually even moderates vote *for a national* strike to unite the union.

Those moderates, if a trigger ballot existed, would have the right to force a ballot and would probably have *come out against a strike.*

Mrs Thatcher: Trigger ballots would give rise to other complications. But I agree that when a ballot is in a union's constitution it is important to have one as soon as possible.

Mr John Ryman (Blyth Valley, Lab): Has the Prime Minister seen the report in *The Times* today in which an eminent theologian, the Archbishop of York (Dr John Habgood) has pledged support to the NUM in its fight against the ferocious policy of the National Coal Board on *pit* closures?

Is Mrs Thatcher so conceited that she proposes to ignore the advice of even the bishops?

Mrs Thatcher: I do not propose to tangle with his Grace, the Archbishop of York. But unless coal is as cheap and competitive as it could be, many jobs will be lost in other *industries.*

Mr Alan Howarth (Stratford on Avon, C): Does Mrs Thatcher appreciate that the affectation by Dr Owen, in speaking his piece on trade *union reform*, is *remarkably* unconvincing.

As a member of the last Labour Government he supported the illiberal and oppressive trade union and labour relations legislation, including the closed shop. In such matters is a *complete change of* heart really credible or is it political opportunism on his part?

Mrs Thatcher: I welcome people changing their Labour affiliations. I *hope in due* course they will change a bit further.

● Earlier, Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, said that between March 14 and April 10 a total of 897 people had been arrested for offences connected with the miners' dispute. A further 25 people were arrested and six *police* officers were injured when a crowd of between 1,500 and 2,000 people, many noisy and some violent gathered *outside* the NUM offices in Sheffield this morning.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab): Would he confirm that, amongst the *hundreds of pickets arrested*, a considerable number were arrested for using the word "scab" in reference to other workers?

Does that not compare violently with the way in which in Creswell in my constituency on Monday night a 12-year-old girl going to an *ambulance* class passing the police was told by one policeman to "F off"?

Is it not time we had a *little bit* of even handedness from the police and the Home Secretary? Is that incident I have referred to not also a breach of the peace?

Mr Brittan: *I have no reason* to believe the accuracy of what he says but if he wishes to make an allegation of that kind in the proper form it will, of course be looked *into.*

Mr Kenneth Eastham (Manchester, Blackley, Lab): It has been seriously *alleged* that *the police* are using agents provocateurs amongst the strikers and causing unnecessary unrest. Does he not think he ought to take some action and take the *police in hand*?

Mr Brittan: There is no evidence whatsoever for what he has said. In the proper sense of the words, agent provocateur means somebody who *instigates* somebody else to commit a criminal offence. I have seen no evidence to suggest any policeman has instigated the commission of an offence.

The presence of plain clothes police officers is quite a different

Ryman: Does PM propose to ignore bishops?

matter and the phrase should not be misused if that is what he meant.

Mr Michael Howard (Folkestone and Hythe, C): Will he recall that in March 1974, Mr Michael Foot, then *Secretary of State for Employment*, commended to the House the rules which the NUM laid down for picketing in the 1974 dispute which limited the number of pickets in any *local situation* to six?

Howarth: NUM attempt to coerce

Would it not help to reduce the conflict between the pickets and the police in the coal fields in the present dispute if the union were to lay down in 1984 the same rules *they laid down in 1974?*

Mr Brittan: I entirely agree. I think if that wise advice, which came from the union itself, were repeated today a lot of the trouble we have seen would be avoided.

Mr Joe Ashton (Bassetlaw, Lab): Chief police officers are in control of industrial relations and the Tebbit and Prior Acts are being used to arrest anybody for any offence in order to put them into court, which makes the case sub judice and takes *them out of the picket lines. Pickets* are being controlled in that way.

Mr Brittan: It would be difficult to make a more inaccurate statement. The so-called Tebbit and Prior laws *are not in the hands of the police.* They are civil laws and their use or otherwise is up to the civil agencies.

He is strikingly inconsistent with what was said by his side in the debate on Tuesday when I was accused of being in control. Today it is the chief constables being *accused.* They had better make up their minds. Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark (Birmingham, Selly Oak, C): One of the problems with the policing is that the miners' leaders have *made clear they are going* to hold the law in contempt. If Scargill and his crew *agreed to abide* by the law, the police's job would be easier and people would be able to go about their lives in peace.

Mr Brittan: I agree. The presence of such large numbers of police is caused entirely by the fact that if they were not present *there* would be mass disorder and intimidation.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs: Who is *in control? Will he explain* where acccountability lies whwn we have a national reporting centre situated in New Scotland Yard, for which he is *responsible*, with a *control room which is controlled* as a result of orders given by the President of the Chief Police Officers' Association, in which 43 police authorities are being coordinated by him, without any reference whatsoever to the elected police authorities?

His only accountability appears to be to the executive of the professional association – his trade union – of which he is temporary president.

Mr Brittan: He knows the national reporting centre, which he has visited, is a mechanism wherby the chief officer of police in one county is able to call on assistance from his brethren *in other countries*. It is simply a clearing house for the obtaining of assistance.

He also knows that in every case the assistance given has been at the request of a chief constable asking for that assistance. He further knows that the handling of matters *of this kind is an operational matter* in which the chief constable of the areas concerned is in control.

What if Mrs Thatcher is at hairdressers?

NUCLEAR

All realistic possibilities involving nuclear weapons including the mistaken launching of a cruise missile, had been taken account of *by the Government, Lord Trefgarne*, Under Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, told the House of Lords during question time.

Lord Kennet (SDP) had asked whether, *in the event of a US cruise* missile being launched by mistake from British soil, the Soviet Union would be informed by the United States hot-line or the British one.

Lord Trefgarne: The safeguards surrounding the use and custody of nuclear weapons effectively preclude the possibility of a cruise missile being launched by mistake and the proposition is therefore hypthetical.

The use of hot-lines is not restricted to questions involving nuclear weapons nor to, parituclar hypothetical scenarios.

Lord Kennet: Nevertheless the question, however hypothetical or remote, ought to be considered, does he know whether the Prime Minister or the Secretary of State knows the answer and is satisified with that?

Lord Trefgarne: We keep all realistic scenarios, however hypothetical, in mind, so the answer to his question must be, yes.

Lord Bishopston (Lab): What would happen if the Prime Minister was at the hairdressers having her hair done for Easter and the President was at a baseball match? *How would they be consulted in a matter of four* minutes to avoid a disaster?

Lord Trefgarne: I am lost in admiration for his fertile imagination. As for the launching of nuclear weapons, that is the subject to the procedure that I have *described on a number of occasions.*

Bill to protect Scottish ratepayers

Ratepayers in Scotland paid around £1,500m a year to Scottish local authorities and the Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) *Bill was designed to protect them* from high expenditure and high rates and to ease the heavy burden on business and commerce which paid more than half the rates bill in Scotland. *Lord Gray of Contin*, Minister of State for Scotland, said in moving the second reading in the *House of Lords.*

The Government recognized that there had to be an adequate level of local government services, he said, but local authorities were not *entitled to raise whatever taxes they* liked to finance them.

The Bill was read a second time.

The Disabled Persons Bill, which establishes a commission for considering matters concerning the *treatment* of disabled persons, was *read the third time* and passed.

The Belgrano: PM not vague over Haig

The Prime Minister said during Commons questions that no official interviews or assistance had been given to the authors of *The Sinking of the Belgrano* specifically in connexion with their book, apart from providing comments on an article in *International Defence Review* by an Argentine military historian.

Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab) had asked Mrs Thatcher to list official interviews and assistance given by civil servants and *servicemen to the authors, Des*mond Rice and Arthur Gavschon.

He then asked Mrs Thatcher: Is General Haig right in asserting that acceptance had been gained from *both parties on the Peruvian peace* proposals before the *Belgrano* was sunk? Is Mrs Thatcher's admirer, General Haig, right?

Mrs Thatcher: I do not answer for *General Haig.*

Slight fall in crime last year

LAW AND ORDER

The number of notifiable offences recorded by the police in 1983 was 1 per cent less than in 1982. *Mr Leon Brittan*, the Home Secretary, told the Commons at question time.

In London notifiable offences recorded were 4 per cent down.

We should not (he said) make too much of a single year's figures, but I am encouraged by them.

Mr Edward Taylor (Southend East, C): It is encouraging to have a 1 per cent fall after 10 per cent increases in recent years.

Will this encourage Mr Brittan to *proceed with a policy of stronger* deterrents against serious crime and therefore provide greater protection to the law abiding public?

Mr Brittan: The change in the long-term trend is an encouraging one even after making the allowances and qualifications. I welcome Mr *Taylor's support for the measures* for deterrent and effective policing the Government is pursuing.

Ms Clare Short (Birmingham *Ladywood, Lab): Despite all* the Government's rhetoric and the money it has thrown at law and order, it has failed significantly to make our society safer for people to live in.

Will Mr Brittan change direction and look at methods of preventing *crime and making inner cities safer* to live in?

Mr Brittan: The dangers of rhetoric are *well illustrated* by the question. One of the major thrusts of the strategy we are following has been to give increased attention to crime prevention. The neighbourhood watch has this object.

I have set up a crime prevention unit in the Home Office. We are giving increased attention to it.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs: In 1979 Mr Brittan campaigned on the legend that crime under the Labour Party was too high and that his party would reduce it.

It is a fact that serious crime is now 30 per cent more than it was five years ago and burglaries 50 per cent more than there were five years ago.

When is Mr Brittan going to bring the level of serious crime and burglaries down to the levels he said were intolerably high five years ago?

Mr Brittan: If he thinks trends can be reversed quickly then he is quite ignorant of the matters on which he speaks. Mr Kaufman knows the increase in the levels of policing, the changes in handling these matters, take time to *have their* effect.

I am glad to see there are some indications that the trends that existed when Mr Kaufman's Government was in power are *coming under* control.

Sunday trading 'laws in tatters'

The Sunday trading laws were in tatters and must be reformed and modernized, Mr *David Mellor*, Under Secretary of State at the Home Office, said

Mr Anthony Favell (Stockport, C) said certain aspects of these laws were *the object of widespread* ridicule.

Mr Mellor: I think he has a point. We made it clear to the House, at the time of debate on the private member's Bill on this subject at the end of the last Parliament, that we believe the law in this area is in tatters *and in grave need of reform.*

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Easter adjournment debates.

Right to buy another dwelling

HOUSING

The Government scheme *under* which housing association tenants will be able to exercise the "right to buy" homes – though not *the* association dwelling they were *living in* – was outlined to the Commons by Sir George Young, Under Secretary of State for the *Environment.*

He was speaking to Lords *amendments* to the Housing and Building Control Bill. The scheme gave the cash equivalent of the discount *the tenant would have got* in order to help *him* buy another property of his own choice.

Mr Eric Heffer, chief Opposition spokesman on housing and construction, *said the Government* compromise was disgraceful. The Government was proposing to give large cash handouts to a *relatively small number of tenants.*

The Lords amendment and government amendments to it were carried by 274 votes to 143 – 131.

£27m sales boost for whispering jet

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

Britain's "whispering jet", the 100-seat BAe 146, looks set to *become a potential world beater* after early doubts about its viability.

That became clear yesterday after a £27m order from Australia's Ansett group – the first in Australasia – which Ansett believes could lead to 50 more orders worth £500m.

It comes after a breakthrough *in the US market, with orders* and options worth nearly £600m recently and more under negotiation. Further orders are expected soon from the Middle and Far East.

Built in Hatfield with American engines and some Swedish controls, the 146 is a classic case of "small is beautiful." Its belated success after years of unrewarded sales efforts shows either remarkable prescience or extreme good luck on the part of Britain's aerospace industry.

When it was developed in the early 1970s, aircraft were getting steadily bigger with Boeing's Jumbo and Lockheed's TriStar, and the 146 was widely considered too small to capture a substantial niche.

Since then the scene has changed radically. In the United States, deregulation has brought a demand for frequent services which means smaller aircraft; and the environment lobby, which has grown enormously in strength, favours the ultra-quiet engines of the 146.

At the same time, third world air routes are developing to the densities that makes its 100-seat configuration and £10m cost a viable proposition.

After a fruitless search for sales in the late 1970s, during which the future of the entire project, and many of the 4,400 at Hatfield, were thrown into doubt, orders have poured in.

They stand at more than 70 now and BAe are confident of beating by a big margin the target of 250 sales needed to break even in the 1980s and 1990s.

● Short Brothers, the Belfast planemakers, have won another *multimillion pound order from* the United States, the company announced yesterday (the Press Association reports).

It has signed a deal worth £25m to supply eight of its "360" commuter airliners to Wright Airlines of Cleveland, Ohio.


The Princess of Wales talking to BA staff at Heathrow yesterday.

BA chairman receives royal kiss

The Princess of Wales visited Heathrow airport yesterday and surprised onlookers by kissing Lord King, the *British Airways chairman. The* impulsive peck on the cheek came as he bowed in greeting when the Princess got out of her car. Lord King, aged 63, looked only momentarily surprised.

A British Airways official said later that Lord King and the Princess had known each other for some time. Lord King had often hunted with the Prince of Wales he said.

The Princess toured the airport in a coach which, under air traffic controllers' guidance, travelled along one of Heathrow's two main runways, sandwiched between two aircraft landing.

A BA *spokesman* said: "She was fitted into the pattern of traffic as if the coach was an aircraft. The only thing missing was that the coach was not given a codename."

The airport security vehicle leading the coach was in radio contact with the airport control tower throughout the 15-minute journey. Mr Bill Oatey, the senior airport operations manager, sitting near the Princess, *also had a radio tuned to air* traffic control frequency

Plaid fights poll on pits issue

From Tim Jones, Aberdare

Launching its Cynon Valley *by-election campaign* yesterday, Plaid Cymru said that it was the only political party which unreservedly backed the miners in their dispute.

The party which has come second in parliamentary elections in Cynon Valley on five occasions, but came fourth in June last year, has decided to concentrate on *the pit strike*

The by-election, on May 3, has been caused by the death of the Labour member, Mr Ioin Evans.

The Plaid Cymru candidate, Mr Clayton Jones, aged 31 and a local man, has been ferrying South Wales miners in his buses to picket lines in th Midlands and Nottinghamshire.

He is also popular with the miners because of his allegations that the police have tapped his telephone in order to *discover the picket's tactics.*

General election June, 1983	
Evans, I. L. (Lab)	20,668
Aubel, F. (SDP/All)	7,594
Arbuthnot, J. (C)	5,240
Jarman, Mrs P. (Pl C)	3,421
Lab majority	13,074

Council chamber gun siege man jailed

The man at the centre of a three-hour shotgun siege at the Caradon District Council offices in Liskeard, Cornwall, last July was jailed by Bodmin Crown Court yesterday.

Mr Justice Pain sentenced Terence Rafferty, aged 54, of Lake View Villa, Polbathick, to two years' imprisonment, 18 months of it suspended for two years. Rafferty pleaded guilty to falsely imprisoning Mr Jack Harcombe, a planning officer, and to six firearms charges.

His pleas of not guilty to possessing a shotgun with intent to endanger life, and threatening to kill Mr Harcombe and others were accepted.

Mr Anthony Donne, for the prosecution, said that after a planning application by Rafferty had been rejected, he stormed out and returned with a shotgun. *In the chamber were* 29 councillors, six officials and a journalist.

Mr Donne said the Mayor displayed considerable courage by *positioning himself* between Rafferty and Mr Hardcombe, whom Rafferty was threatening. Finally, Rafferty was persuaded to surrender the weapon.

Rafferty later told the police: "I had no intention of shooting anyone. I only *intended* to frighten them."


Rafferty: "Explosive loss of control".

Mr Neil Butterfield, for the defence, said Rafferty was homeless, and bankrupt at the time of his "explosive and massive loss of control", which he now bitterly regretted.

Last week Councillors lifted restrictions which prevented Rafferty and his wife from selling two houses at Polbathick.

The judge told Rafferty: "There are people who sought to make a hero of you. You, to your credit, have distanced youself from such people."

"I accept that when you went into the chamber you meant only to frighten."

Kirk's General Assembly to rule whether killer can train to be minister

From Ronald Faux, Edinburgh

The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland is to decide next month whether a man convicted of murder can train to become a minister in the church.

St Andrew's Presbytery, the church court that sponsored Mr James Nelson as a candidate, voted by 43 to 42 to withdraw its support at a meeting on Wednesday. Mr Nelson served a 10 year sentence for murdering his mother.

The issue will now go to the General Assembly of the Kirk, where it is feared the divisions could be reflected in the most serious split since the appointment of a Roman Catholic to the chair of theology at New College, the Kirk's training centre for ministers.

Mr Nelson, aged 39, had no comment to make yesterday because he felt it would become a decision for the General Assembly but much of the debate has centred on the alleged secrecy relating to Mr Nelson's background when he was adopted as a trainee minister in 1981.

The Rev John Patterson, Presbytery Clerk at St Andrew's, told the ministers and elders deciding the issue that with hindsight he regretted that Mr Nelson's history had not been made known from the start.

Mr Nelson was released from prison in 1979. He went on to study for a divinity degree at St Andrew's University before being accepted as a probationary minister at Hope Park Church in St Andrew's.

There were 14 objections to his continued candidature from presbyteries and individual members of the church, including Mr Nelson's father.

A motion to discontinue Mr Nelson's "trial for licence" was tabled by Mr Norman Warnock, an elder of the Kirk, who described the issue as "a tragedy of errors" in which the real victim was Mr Nelson himself.



James Nelson: Support for him withdrawn.

Professor James Whyte of St Mary's College, where Mr Nelson studied, lodged a formal protest. He also lodged his intention to complain to the General Assembly.

The assembly will now be asked to determine whether Mr Nelson will be taken on trial.

A statement from the Kirk said: "Professor Whyte has reserved his right to dissent and complained to the assembly and has 10 days to lodge his objection with the Presbytery Clerk.

"The effect of this will be that the Presbytery of St Andrew's will be at the Bar of the Assembly and its members will not be able to vote on the debate."

The spokesman added that the General Assembly had the power to decide one way or another whether Nr Nelson was taken on trial and that Mr Nelson himself had a right of appeal.



The bounds of Liberty: Scaffolding for repair work rises around the New York statue.

Solidarity leaders urge all Poles to boycott elections

From Roger Boyes
Warsaw

The fugitive leadership of the banned Solidarity union has called for anti-Government protests next month and has urged all Poles to boycott local council elections in June.

A communiqué issued by the four leaders of the underground opposition said recent tradition of protesting on May Day, the workers' holiday, and on May 3, the anniversary of the liberal 1791 constitution, should be maintained.

"For the past few years society has revived the tradition of staging demonstrations on May 1 and 3. Organizing independent celebrations and declining to take part in official celebrations arranged by the authorities." Last May Day there were demonstrations in 20 Polish cities and on May 1, 1982, the first after martial law, hundreds of thousands of Solidarity sympathizers came on to the streets, taking the authorities by surprise.

The call to protest is more muted than last year, perhaps because there has been such a poor response to demonstration appeals over the past 10 months. Those most likely to demonstrate for Solidarity will be students and schoolchildren rather than workers who are under relatively tight control in their factories.

The May Day and May 3 appeal was accompanied by a separate statement condemning te local council elections due on June 17. These polls, said the underground leaders, should be boycotted.

The elections "create for world opinion the appearance of a social mandate for the authorities. For internal use they are a tool for subjugating sociaety, breaking down its dignity and sovereignty." A concerted national boycott would "show that the most immediate need for the country is for authorities who have the confidence of the people, expressed in the form of a free election."

The statement was signed by Mr Zbigniew Bujak, leader of the Warsaw Solidarity branch,



Mr Bogdan Lis, underground chief in Gdansk.

Mr Bodgan Lis, the Gdansk leader, Mr Tadeusz Jedynak, of Katowice, and Mr Edward Szumiejko, of Wroclaw, that suggests that the main protests will be in those four regions.

The normal practice after such an appeal is that the regional underground centres issue detailed instructions to local supporters by means of leaflets distributed in schools, universities and factories. Last week some leaflets, mainly calling for an election bycott, were dropped from the rooftops along Marszalkowska Street, Warsaw's main shopping throughfare.

Official concern about opposition activity in the universities was expressed yesterday by the Communist Party daily *Trybuna Ludu*. Under the Polish higher educationlaw, universities are allowed, with certain qualifications, to elect their own governing bodies. In supplementary elections recently, Mr Janusz Onyskiewicz, a former spokesman for Solidarity anda lecturer in mathematics, waselected to the senate.

This has caused some anguish in the Government and the Education Ministry has already sent a memorandum to the university pointing out that the elections "violated the law" and could not be considered valid.

Plea for new subjects in higher education

By Colin Hughes

Universities, colleges and polytechnics must revolutionize their attitudes to traditional academic subjects if they are to meet the needs of the next century, a conference on higher education was told yesterday.

Central government would need to enforce change so that technological and "future" studies become an important part of the curriculum, Professsor Ian Black, director of the Chelsea College Centre for Science and Education, told the symposium.

Technological studies were not a subject but a "meeting place" of disciplines, attempting to meet needs and satisfy customers, he told the conference held by the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

Students should work on technological tasks, drawing on knowledge from more traditional analytic fields such as science, craft, design, and economics to back up their skills.

With two thirds of teachers in training today having studied for single-subject degrees, academic subject divisions were bound to be reflected once they started teaching. If school curriculum was going to change, Professor Black suggested, universities had to change first.

Education is inevitably a preparation for the future, yet the University Grants Committee, in opening the "great debate" on universities' prospects, had asked no questions about how universities would alter their degrees to meet the broader needs of society in 30 or 40 years.

Football tickets for judge

Bristol City, the fourth division football club, upset by a judge's comments about the team's play, have invited him to watch a match.

At Bristol crown court, Judge Vowden, QC, sentencing a man who had received stolen property from City supporters cars, had said: "It's bad enough to have to go to watch Bristol City without having things stolen."

The club has replied by sending the judge tickets for the Crewe match on Tuesday.

In a letter to him, Mr Bob Twyford, the club secretary, said: "This will enable you to visit the scene together with a jury of 6,500 people and then pass judgment.

Pianist can keep £27,500 award

Elizabeth Woodhouse, the former BBC pianist who can no longer play the piano because of a hospital blunder, can keep the £27,C00 damages awarded to her by a High Court judge.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the Yorkshire Area Health Authority against the award which was made after Mrs Woodhouse, aged 55, of Brompton, near Scarborough, suffered nerve damage which resulted in deformities in her hands after being treated for an abdominal condition.

Ruling soon on brewery deal

A High Court ruling on the takeover battle for T. & R. Theakston, the North Yorkshire brewing company, will be given next week.

After three days of legal argument Mr Justice Harman reserved judgment on whether a deal made by Mr Paul Theakston, the company chairman, which would enable him to pass control of the company to the Lancashire brewers, Matthew Brown, complies with Theakston's articles of *incorporation*.

Rambler record

The Ramblers' Association has a record membership of more than 40,000, its annual report says today. The report welcomes the Government's decision to drop Ordnance Survey changes, which ramblers saw as a threat to the quality of maps.

Church raid

St Mary and All Saints, Chesterfield's church with the crooked spire, has been robbed of a silver cross valued at £500. Derbyshire police fear it could be the start of another series of church raids in the county.

Jameson to appeal in libel action

Mr Derek Jameson, the former Fleet Street editor, is to appeal against the failure of his High Court libel action, which left him facing a £75,000 costs bill.

Mr Jameson, aged 54, former editor of the *Daily Star*, *Daily Express* and *News of the World*, lost his action against the BBC in February. The jury found that a sketch about him in the Radio Four comedy series *Week Ending* was defamatory, but that it was fair comment and not actuated by malice. Yesterday his solicitor, Mr Peter Carter-Ruck, confirmed that Mr Jameson, of Judd Street, St Pancras, London, would lodge an appeal soon.

It is understood that Mr Jameson's lawyers will argue in the Court of Appeal that the trial judge, Mr Justice Comyn, made errors of law in his conduct of the case and that no reasonable jury could have come to the conclusions reached by the jury if they had been properly directed by the judge.

Red tape on straw fire law reduced

The Home Office is to speed up moves to introduce quickly new strict rules to control the burning of straw in fields, after fears that red tape would prevent many local authorities using the regulations in time for this year's harvest.

Councils have only four weeks left in which to adopt the new model by-law.

Normally it would take the Home Office weeks to confirm the changeover and at least four weeks have to pass after adoption before the new by-law can be enforced.

To allow as many local authorities as possible to accept the new law, the Home Office has agreed for the first time to notify councils by telephone of its approval so that the new regulations can be advertised and implemented while the paperwork is still being carried out.

"Local authorities will be working to a tight timetable to ensure that the by-laws are enforced for this year's straw burning season", the Home Office said.

Lucas sheds more jobs

From Craig Seton, Birmingham

Lucas Aerospace of Birmingham is to shed 510 jobs – about one third of the workforce – at is engine systems division.

The announcement yesterday was a second blow to Birmingham employment prospects. On Monday Lucas Electrical announced a £120m investment plan for it starter motor and alternator sector with a reduction of 700 jobs over five years.

The announcement yesterday said further rationalization was necessary because of declining demand, particularly in the civil aircraft market.

The company makes Rolls-Royce RB211 engine components. A spokesman said: "The whole aircraft market is much reduced and there is no prospect of a recovery, certainly not in the short term. When it comes it will be gradual and there will be fierce competition for whatever work is available."

Big hoard of weapons in Sri Lanka claimed

Tamil militants in south India are embarrassing Delhi

From Michael Hamlyn
Madras

A cooling breeze came off the Bay of Bengal. The Southern Cross hung low in the sky. We sat on the roof of Buhari's Beach Restaurant with mango juice and ginger chicken and talked of the armed stuggle.

"It is only by the use of armed force that we shall be free", said a jolly bearded man who wanted to be called Shankar. "There will come a time when the warring factions of the freedom movement will unite. . . . We are uniting now. . . . And we shall throw the Sinhalese Army out of Eelam."

Eelam is what the Tamil extremists call that area of Sri Lanka they wish to make an independent Tamil state. Its boundaries vary. Sometimes it is restricted to the northern and eastern provinces of Sri Lanka. But to Shankar and other leaders of the Eelam Research Organization (Eros), it also includes areas in the centre of the island around Badulla, where the plantation Tamils predominate.

"We have hundreds of weapons stored in Sri Lanka", Shankar said. How did they get there? Had they come via India? "Well, how else can you get there?" he laughed.

Shankar and leaders of other militant young men plotting armed revolution – and, in some cases, carrying out attacks which have caused the build-up of tension in the island – have severely embarrassed the Indian Government.

Tamil Nadu (Tamil Land) in south India, where there are 40 million Tamils, all of whom feel a close kinship to their fellows across the 25-mile stretch of water separating them from Sri Lanka, is sheltering at least 38,000 refugees from attacks by Sinhalese gangs nine months ago.

The state also shelters leading politicians of the Tamil United Liberation Front: Mr Appapilla Amirthalingham, the front's president, is given panelled rooms in the state guest house here. Asylum is also provided for the leaders of extremist Tamil bands. Mr Velupillai Prabhakaran, the 29 year old chieftain of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, better known as the Tamil Tigers, moves in and out of Madras or Madhurai without apparent hindrance.

The People's Liberation Organization of Tamil Eelam is organized from rooms in the state hostel for members of the Legislative Assembly. Two representatives of the Tamil Eelam Army were arrested recently in Tamil Nadu in possession of valuables alleged to be the proceeds of a bank robbery near Batticaloa in Sri Lanka. They were speedily released on bail.

But what has embarrassed the Government most has been the disclosure in a news magazine, *India Today*, that the young exiles are undergoing armed training in the wild and remote forests and wastelands around Ramnathapuram at the other end of the Adam's Bridge Causeway which almost links Sri Lanka to the Indian mainland.

The *India Today* report said that the batches of men training there are led either by seasoned guerrillas or retired Indian military officers. The result has been that relations between Colombo and Delhi have reached an all-time low.

A minister from India's External Affairs Ministry was constrained last week to make a detailed and full denial to the Lok Sabha (Lower House). "There are caches of arms or training camps on Indian territory," Mr A. A. Rahim said. "We have nothing but good will for Sri Lanka and have done nothing to warrant the campaign being directed against us in recent days."

And the young men themselves have suddenly become coy about where and who and how they are preparing for the struggle. "Our cadres are training the people in Eelam," insisted Shankar's colleague, Bali, on the General Command of Eros.

The Tigers even felt obliged to issue a round denial of their own.

The Indian Government is unlikely to do anything drastic to prevent the extremist leaders from operating in Tamil Nadu, since it would be desperately unpopular with the Tamil community at large, and this is an election year. But after the election, attitudes may change.

The present high profile is not doing the militants or the Indians any good. Delhi might like to keep the extremists as a threat if it wants to bring pressure to bear short of physical intervention in

For their part, the militants do not want to embarrass their hosts, or provoke them into the wrong kind of action.

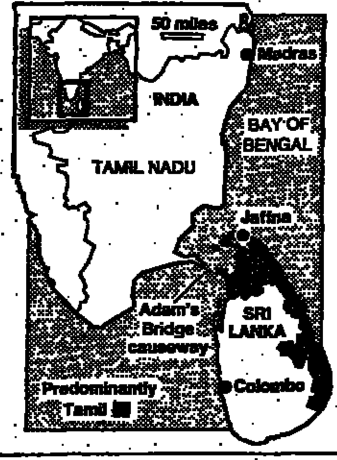
Indian intervention in the island comes high among the hopes of many exiled plotters.

There seems to be very little chance otherwise that a ragtag and bobtail army – even if trained in India – could hold off the regular Sinhalese forces.

Naval blockade

Colombo (AP) – Sri Lanka has imposed a naval blackade along its maritime boundary with India, to keep out illegal activity, officials said yesterday.

The Government has set up a "surveillance zone" in the Palk Strait, to crack down on the alleged shuttling of arms and men between southern India and the northern Jaffna district of Sri Lanka.



Bank plot blamed on laxity in Canberra

From Tony Duboudin, Melbourne

Mr Joh Bjelke-Peterson, the Queensland Premier, has blamed the federal Government after a bizarre extortion threat to blow up the managers and their families of Australia's fourth largest banks unless the banks pay $A2m (about £1.3m).

The demand was made in letters to the banks and threatened to blow up the homes of the Queensland managers of the Australian and New Zealand Banking Corporation, Westpac, and the National Australian and Commonwealth banks unless each paid $A500,000.

Queensland police now believe that threats of violence could be made elsewhere in Australia, and security at banks has been increased nationally.

The extortion threats were made public late on Wednesday by Mr Bjelke-Peterson, after the letters had been received on Monday. The Premier immediately turned the threat into a political issue by blaming Canberra.

"The federal people in Canberra under Mr Hawke have made Australia the home of terrorist groups,' he said. "They have allowed the PLO, the IRA and Swapo people to set up headquarters in Asutralia. They have got offices here and all the facilities to operate.

"That is another feather in Mr Hawke's cap. I say it is disgusting and disgraceful and I will continue to say that. I am not saying these terrorists are involved here.

The bank threat is the second extortion demand involving Queensland this year. In January the Premier's office received a letter threatening to introduce foot-and-mouth disease to Australia unless certain reforms were carried out in the Queensland prison system.

Tracing the origins of sexual guilt

From Philip Howard, Cardiff

The Empress Messalina challenged a leading courtesan in Rome to a competition. The empress won by having sexual congress with 25 men in a single prolonged session.

This was public, not private behaviour and, in the jargon of sociology, an act of social heroism.

Three centuries later a young girl went on a pilgrimage from Rome to Egypt to see St Arsenins and obtain his prayers.

She forced her way into his presence, and implored him to grant her request – namely to remember her and pray for her.

"Remember you?" the indignant asceti said. "It will be the prayer of my life to forget you."

These two stories illustrate the moral revolution in ancient Rome from a culture of shamelessness to one of guilt. In an lecture to the Classical Association's annual meeting in Cardiff yesterday Professor Keith Hopkins, of Brunel University traced the origins of suxual guilt in western culture.

It came about as Christianity developed from a radical sect of chosen believers into the universal religion of the established church.

The cardinal virtue celebrated in the New Testament was love, but the cardinal virtue adopted by the fathers of the church, after a century of theological and ideological argument, was chastity.

When Christianity was adopted as the state religion, the clergy obtained the political power to impose their new morality. And the new morality they chose was obsessed with sexual sin, which became a crime.

There was a vast and deliberate increase in guilt. There was an unprecedented internalization of moral conscience, with immense consequences for western civilization. St Clement could write in all seriousness: "Laughter is the prelude to fornication". Mixed bathing in the Roman baths turned some Christian ascetics against ever washing again.

Another speaker argued that Christianity could, and should, have taken a different road in the theological struggles of its founding fathers.

The universal church adopted the moral standards of its radical ascetic wing. By doing so it retained control over it, but at a high cost.

By splitting virtue from happiness, and sexuality from reproduction, the guilt-ridden ascetic fanatics devalued all of them – the combination of sexuality and happiness in particular.

Inside story of China's last dynasty

Peking (AFP) – The 77-year-old brother of China's last emperor is writing his memoirs about the last years of the Ching dynasty and the changes leading to the 1949 communist revolution.

Mr Pu Jie, who lives in Peking with his Japanese wife, has finished 100,000 words of the book, which is to be published with state approval next year. "Writing the memoirs is the sole desire of my remaining years," he was quoted as saying by the New Chinese news agency.

The agency described Mr Pu Jie as "the only person still living who knows the inside story of the Ching dynasty," which collapsed in 1911 when his brother, Pu Yi, then a teenager, was forced to abdicate. Pu Yi died in 1967.

Curfew eased in troubled north of the island

From Donovan Moldrich Colombo

A Ministry of State spokesman said yesterday that the number of rebels and suspected rebels shot by the armed services in the northern province of Sri Lanka in the three days up to noon was between 25 and 30.

The spokesman described as speculative and false the figure of 57 deaths published in some newspapers.

The official said there had been a great improvement in the situation in the north and the earlier 18-hour curfew was being reduced to 14 hours. He denied that there was a third attack on a buddhist temple in Jaffna which had caused the rumours of the death toll being 57.

Rebels had, however, thrown a bomb at the residence of the government agent and attempted to set fire to some vehicles at an administrative complex.

He said fuel and food were in short supply in the north but the government agent was trying to persuade owners to keep their establishments open with the reduction in the curfew.

The Minister of National Security, Mr Lalith Athulathmudali, left yesterday for Delhi for discussions with the Indian Prime Minister. He expressed confidence that there would be no insuperable problems between India and Sri Lanka. In the north the worst was over and there would be no repetition of what happened last July.

Student defects

Peshawar (AFP) – Miss Kristin Beck, aged 24, an East German student sent to Kabul University for linguistic studies has defected to Pakistan and will seek political asylum in West Germany.

Lebanon summit delayed as pressure mounts for Syrian intervention

From Robert Fisk, Damascus

President Assad of Syria and President Gemayel of Lebanon yesterday postponed their summit in Damascus as Lebanese opposition leaders tried to put pressure on both governments by suggesting the Syrian Army should enter Beirut as a "deterrent force" to stamp out the civil war as it did in 1976.

Mr Walid Jumblatt, the Druze leader who can regularly be found these days in the bar of the Sheraton Hotel in Damascus, is voicing increasing pessimism about the endlessly proposed ceasefire in Beirut and said yesterday that the Syrians should again intervene militarily, knowing full well that – at present at least – this is the last thing the Syrians wish.

Neither President Assad nor President Gemayel sees any point in going through the pomp and circumstance of a second summit in Damascus unless it can be used to consecrate a genuine and lasting truce in Beirut that will presage both political reforms and governmental stability in Lebanon.

Nevertheless as a threat to their Christian opponents as much as to the Syrians themselves, the Muslim opposition in the city is showing ever more public enthusiasm for the reentry of Syrian troops.

In the Lebanese capital yesterday Shaikh Hassan Khaled, the Grand Mufti, said he would "welcome the entry of Syrian deterrent forces to Beirut to disengage the combatants", adding artfully that this could take place only if all parties concerned agreed.

Syria sent its army into *Lebanon in 1976 as an "Arab* deterrent force" after an appeal from President Suleiman Franjieh and later secured an Arab League mandate to control Beirut in the company of small contingents of Saudi, Sudanese and North Yemeni troops.

Although the mandate has not been renewed for more than two years, the Syrians still refer to their army in Lebanon as the Arab deterrent force and the name still appears on rusting signs at checkpoints in the north and east of the country.

The Syrians, however know full well that to order their armour back down the mountains to Beirut, whence they were evicted by the Israelis two years ago, would risk both Christian Maronite opposition and quite probably hostile intervention by the Israeli Air Force.

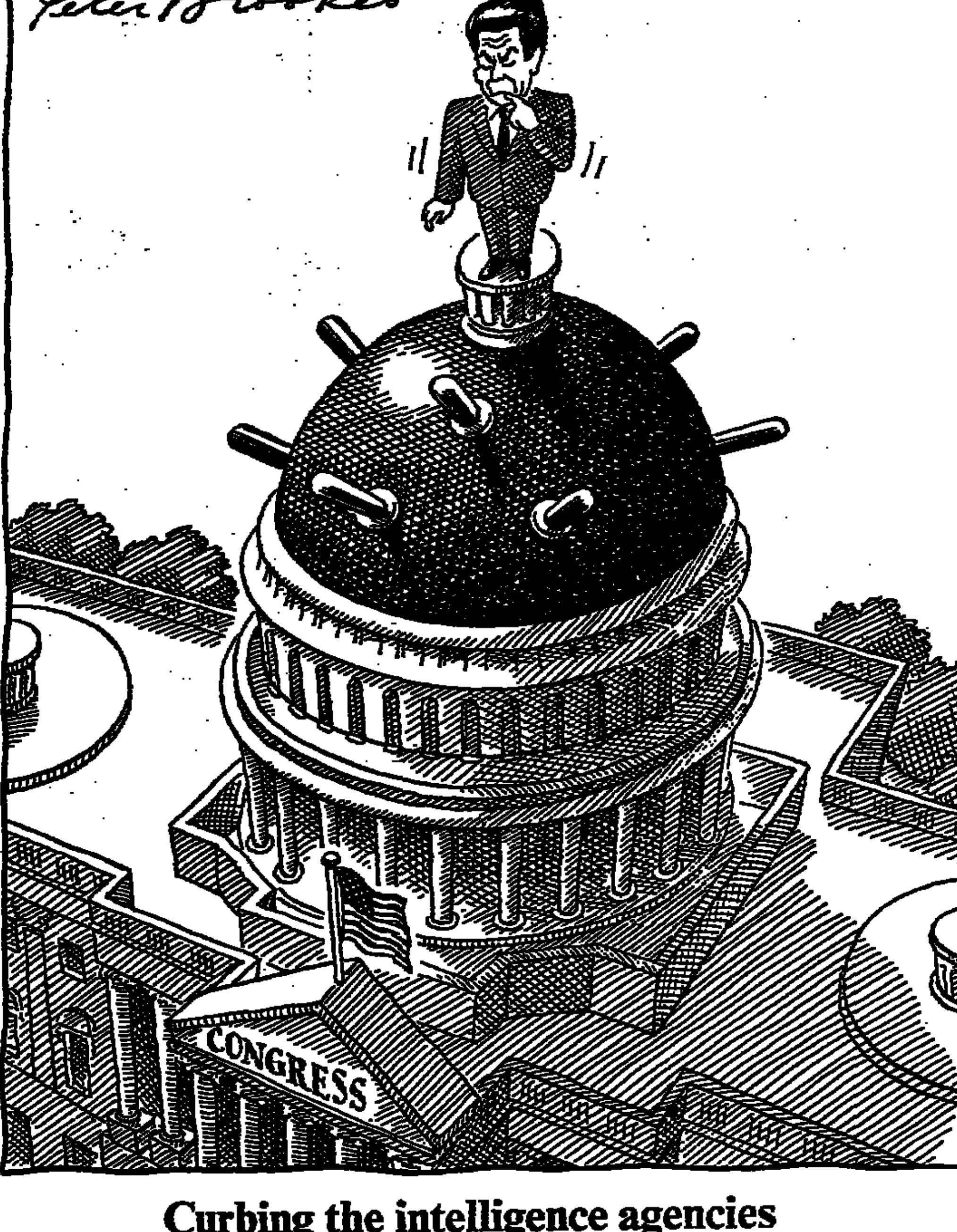
The whole burden of Syrian policy since the failed reconciliation conference at Lausanne last month had been to persuade the parties in Lebanon that neither side is now in a position to "win" the civil war; and that they must therefore reach mutual agreement on a new government, albeit one that favours Syria's own "pan-Arab" and anti-Israeli ambitions. If Syria is again to use its Army in the Lebanese capital, the time has not yet arrived.

Jumblatt is evidently trying to frighten President Gemayel's own embattled administration, announcing that he believes the fighting in Beirut will go on for "years and years" and condemning the Lebanese authorities for allegedly sending an emissary to Washington to negotiate an \$80m (£54m) arms deal with the Americans.

However, Mr Jumblatt's putative Lebanese ally, Mr Nabih Berri of the Shia Muslim Amal militia, has pointedly made no demand for Syrian military assistance in Bierut and is, unlike Mr Jumblatt, spending much of his time trying to disengage his guerrillas from the Beirut front line and to find some *modus vivendi* with both the Lebanese government and the Phalangists.

As the Druze rely almost entirely upon Syria for artillery *and ammunition, an agreement* between President Gemayel and President Assad will, in Lebanese eyes, change the mood of the Druze leader and possibly control his tongue as well as his militia. Mr Gemayel and Mr Berri, whose forces are far larger than those of Mr Jumblatt, are the two men Syria wishes to influence, not to mention the Plalangist forces whom Syria still suspects President Gemayel can command.

Since the Syrian Army was driven out of east Beirut by the Phalangists in 1978, this only provided a further reason why President Assad should not wish to commit his soldiers to a further adventure in Lebanon.



Curbing the intelligence agencies

15 senators monitor US spies

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

The Senate select committee on intelligence, whose 15 members are so aggrieved by the administration's failure to inform them about the CIA role in mining Nicaraguan waters, was set up in May 1976 on the recommendation of the Church committee.

Chaired by the late Senator Frank Church, it was established to look into abuses by the US intelligence community, many of which had found their way into the press after the Watergate scandal.

The Church committee found that the intelligence agencies were not properly accountable to Congress because jurisdiction over their activities lay with four seperate congressional bodies.

One of the committee's main recommendations was to consolidate responsibility for all intelligence matters in the hands of a new Senate select committee on intelligence. This studies, makes recommendations and proposes legislation on intelligence activities and policies.

It oversees the CIA, the National Security Agency, Defence Intelligence Agency and other intelligence activities of the US Government to ensure conformity with the American constitution and laws and it authorizes budgets for the intelligence community.

The House permanent select committee on intelligence performs a similar function in the House of Representatives.

Because it is dealing with the nation's secrets, most of its meetings are behind closed doors

The influence of Congressional committees is to a large exteent determined by the people who head them. As presently constituted, the Senate intelligence committee is particularly muscular. Its chairman is Senator Barry Goldwater (Republican, Arizona), a former Presidential candidate and a man who normally has the ear of President Reagan.

Its vice-chairman is Senator Daniel Moynihan (Democrat, New York) one of the most prominent members of the Democratic Party whose counsel is widely respected by Republicans as well as by the White House.

For a city as leak-prone as Washington, the Senate intelligence committee has built up a remarkable record for keeping its mouth shut. (The original leaks about the mining operations came from the House committee).

And it was the leaking of the text of Senator Goldwater's letter to Mr William Casey, the CIA Director, which revealed just how annoyed the committee was about not being told exactly what the CIA was up to in Nicaragua. This was the Senate's way of showing that it is not prepared for this or any other Administration to undermine its jurisdiction over the American intelligence community.

Uproar over mining may hit aid to Salvador

From Nicholas Ashford Washington

The uproar caused by the clandestine US role in mining Nicaragua's harbours is now threatening to thwart the Reagan Administration's efforts to increase military assistance to El Salvador in its fight against left-wing guerrillas.

An angry Congress seems certain not only to block President Reagan's request for \$21m (£15m) for covert aid to anti-Sandinist rebels in Nicaragua, but also in withholding approval of \$62m in emergency aid to El Salvador – at least until after Congress's Easter recess.

Frantic attempts by Administration officials, including private assurances that the laying of mines had ceased last weekend, to salve Congress's hurt feelings at not being informed about the mining operation have not succeeded in stemming the revolt in both the Senate and the House.

Late on Wednesday the House foreign affairs committee voted 32-3 with two abstentions to approve a non-binding resolution opposing the use of Government funds for mining Nicaraguan waters. The resolution was the same as that overwhelmingly passed by the Republican-controlled Senate the previous day. The full House was expected to approve the measure late yesterday.

The House intelligence committee was also voted to delete all funds for supporting Nicaraguan rebels, known as contras, from the fiscal 1985 intelligence authorization was the Senate foreign relations committee's decision to exclude El Salvador from the \$11,100m foreign aid Bill. None of the \$1,375m aid for the whole of Central America asked for by the Administration was approved.

This was a deliberate snub by the committee which had earlier approved the Administration's request for aid to El Salvador and Nicaraguan rebels before the CIA operations had become known.

The White House has been stunned by the anger which has erupted on Capitol Hill and the Administration's failure fully to inform Congress of what was happening.

The Administration's two immediate concerns now are: Will the US be able to continue to support the contras if the House blocks the \$21m aid request and how can the US continue to help El Salvador if the House also decides to turn the aid tap off.

● **TEGUCIGALPA:** American-backed rebels fighting the Sandinista Army from Honduras have denied any direct US involvement in the mining of Nicaraguan ports (Alan Tomlinson writes).

Señor Adolfo Calero, leader of the largest rebel group, the Nicaraguan Democratic Force, said the mines had been placed by his own men and not by a special commando unit closely run by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) as reported in Washington, where intelligence officials have been quoted as saying the operation is directly supervised by CIA agents on a ship just outside Nicaraguan territorial waters.

Rebel leaders were reluctant to go into details of the operation.

Tanzanian Premier killed in crash

Dar es Salaam (Reuter) – Mr Edward Sokoine, the Tanzanian Prime Minister, was killed in a road accident uesterday near Dodoma, Tanzania's future capital. He was 46.

Mr Sokoine, who took over as Prime Minister last year after having once resigned the post in 1980 due to ill health, was widely expected to be the main contender to succeed President Julius Nyerere.

President Nyerere has hinted strongly in recent years that he will retire and the most recent indications are that he plans to do so next year.

Born in the Arusha region of Northen Tanzania close to the Kenyan border, Mr Sokoine was a member of the Masai tribe, a powerful group of warriors before colonialization.

He was educated in Tanzanian schools

Maize relief for southern Africa

Johannesburg (Reuter) – South African plans to import a record 5.5 million tonnes of maize this year to make up for a shortfall caused by drought.

Much is destined for Zimbabwe and Zambia, and probably also Zaire, Lesotho, Botswana and Swaziland.

University riot

Seoul (Reuter) – The Sogang University in South Korea has suspended classes for three days after more than 2,000 sudents rioted at three universities during anti-goverment demonstrations. About 30 students and police were hurt.

Frontier battle

Peking (AP) – China claimed yesterday that its frontier forces killed or wounded "large numbers" of Vietnamese troops and wrecked hundreds of their military installations in heavy shelling. It was retaliation for "persistent Vietnamese provocations and harassment".

Police pounce

Rome (AP) – Italian police have arrested four left-wing terrorists suspects on charges of robbery, extortion, kidnapping and membership of the extreme left-wing terror group, the Armed Revolutionary Proletariat.

Still talking

Peking (Reuter) – The latest round of Sino-British talks on Hongkong's future ended yesterday with the routine official statement from the British Embassy that they were useful and constructive.

Costly ride

New York (AP) – A man who posed as a taxi driver, once charging a Japanese visitor \$500 for a \$25 trip into Manhattan from Kennedy Airport, has been sentenced to up to nine years in jail for grand larceny, bribery, and unlawful imprisonment.

Runway open

Frankfurt (Reuter) – Frankfurt Airport's controversial third runway was inaugurated amid tight security to prevent violence from demonstrators.

Mubarak seizes opposition newspaper

From Our Correspondent Cairo

An edition of the *Al Wafd* weekly opposition newspaper was seized by the Egyptian Government yesterday, the first such action since President Mubarak took office in 1981.

The newspaper is the organ of the right-wing New Wafd Party. A spokesman said the issues had been confiscated "apparently because it published a news item about the Jihad Organization".

The Government blames Jihad, a fundamentalist Muslim group, for the murder of President Sadat and a subsequent attempt to overthrow the regime and set up a Muslim fundamentalist state.

Yesterday's impounded issue of *Al Wafd* reported that arms and documents taken from some 300 Jihad members now on trial had been stolen from a safe in a room adjoining the court-room. At heavily guarded premises in a Cairo suburb not far from where Sadat was shot.

There has been no report of such a theft in the semi-oficial press. An Interior Ministry spokesman declined to comment.

The Wafd spokesman said the newspaper confiscation was ordered by the Ministry of the Interior and went to court yesterday for a ruling on the legitimacy of the impoundment.

The reports on the theft said: "An orgainzed group must have prepared for it for a long time."

It said an examination revealed that neither the safe nor the door to the office had been forced. The newspaper also said the prosecution had clamped down on the investigation.

Beirut's UN appeal on Israeli role

Beirut (Reuter) – As part of a stepped-up diplomatic offensive against the Israeli occupation of southern Lebanon, the Lebanese Government has decided to protest to the UN Security Council about Israel's latest measures isolating the region from the rest of the country.

President Gemayel and the Foreign Minister, Mr Elie Salem, also decided last night to back a recommendation by the UN Secretary-General, Señor Javier Perez de Cuellar that the role of UN troops in southern Labanon should eventually be expanded to include helping the Government gain control over the area.

Mr Salem said the diplomatic initiative was "an important turning point in Labanaon's efforts to liberate the south and restore antional sovereignty over the region".

In a related development Mr Gemayel yesterday had a second meeting in 24 hours with the US Ambassador, Mr Reginald Bartholemew. Washington is Israel's principal ally and Lebanese sources said southern Lebanon was discussed at both meetings.

Israel's almost total isolation of occupied southern Lebanon for the past two weeks has caused alarm in Lebanon about its possible intention to annex the region.

However, a senior Israeli official in Jerusalem yesterday said that Israel had no intention of cutting southern Lebanon off from the rest of the country permanently.

Israeli troops have cut the last road link there for all but two days since March 29, allowing through only a trickle of vehicles. Telephone and telex links are also cut.

The Lebanese Government's diplomatic offensive, which came during a relative lull in the fighting in Beirut yesterday, follows its abrogation last month of a US-mediated accord with Israel on the withdrawal of Israeli troops. The May 1983 pact was rejected by Lebanese Muslims and Syria because it envisaged a continued Israeli security presence in the south and limited Lebanese security forces on the area.

American women see their careers take off

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The proportion of women in executive, managerial and administrative occupations in the United States has leapt in 10 years across a range of professions. There have been notable increases in the percentage of women in law, accounting, personnel management, medicine, teaching, science and acting.

Overall the proportion of women in these and other careers increased from 18.5 per cent in 1970 to 30.5 per cent in 1980, according to figures issued by the Census Bureau.

In accounting and auditing the proportion of women is now 38 per cent, an increase of 13 per cent. The percentage of women financial managers rose from 19.4 to 31.4. In personnel and labour relations careers, the new figure is 36 per cent compared with 21 per cent 10 years earlier.

Even with the increases, the proportion in most categories is still lower than the overall proportion of women in the American labour force: 42.6 per cent. Suzanne Bianchi, a co-author of the Census Bureau's report, said that women's increased entry into more highly paid managerial and professional occupations in part follows improvements in their educational qualifications.

Women's pay, however, continues to lag behind men's. Overall, American women working full-time earn 62 per cent of what men earn, according to Labour Department figures for 1982.

According to the Census Bureau report, one reason for earnings disparities in better jobs is that women tend to work fewer hours than men. Also many women in highly paid jobs are beginners who earn less than males with more experience.

The report showed that the proportion of women public administrators and officials rose between 1970 and 1980 from 21.7 to 33.6 per cent. The percentage of women judges and lawyers rose from 5 to 14. The proportion of women architects more than doubleed to 8.3 per cent.

Among writers, artists, entertainers and actors, women made up 42.1 per cent in 1980 cmpared with 32.5 per cent ten years earlier. Among editors and writers, the proportion rose from 42 to 49.3 per cent.

Despite the increases, several other US studies have shown that when a company hires young men and women of equal education and experience, it often places the women in jobs with less potential for promotion.

Challenger celebrates its success

From Trevor Fishlock New York

The five members of the "Ace Satellite Repair Company" were jubilant yesterday after the success of their retrieval and repair mission 300 miles above the Earth. The satellite Solar Max was re-installed in orbit, pointing directly at the Sun and resumed the studies that were interrupted when it broke down three years ago. With its new components, Solar Max could continue working until 1991.

Mission control in Houston reported that the satellite was working well and the astronauts were preparing to bring the shuttle Challenger back to Earth. If the weather remains good, it will land at its base at Cape Canaveral, Florida, at 7.07am local time today (1.07pm BST).

Solar Max was placed in orbit by the Challenger's robot arm. With everything working well, Captain Robert Crippen and his team donned jerseys bearing the words "Ace Satellite Repair Company" grouped themselves in front of a television camera.

Captain Crippen, making his third shuttle flight, said: "We are all feeling very good right now." His sense of relief and triumph was echoed at mission control.

Challenger's task on this, the eleventh shuttle flight, was to prove its ability to carry out repairs and maintenace, an important step on the way to building a space station.

Mayors die in Philippine election violence

From Keith Dalton, Manila

With one month to go before the Philippines first general election since martial law was lifted in 1981, the campaigning has already turned violent with at least 10 election-related deaths reported in the past fortnight.

The victims include a mayor and a deputy mayor who were both murdered "execution-style".

Moments after addressing 500 opposition supporters on Wednesday night in Sipocot town in Camarines Sur, the deputy mayor Mr Rosita Yillafuerte, was shot at point-blank range in the back of the head beneath the outdoor stage.

Gunfire killed another two men nearby and badly injured two dancers on stage. One of the young dancers died yesterday in hospital. While military authorities blame communist rebels for the attack, local officials believe hired gunmen were responsible.

A pro-government candidate was killed on Sunday in the southern province of Surigao del Sur. Mr Recaredo Castillo, the 73-year-old mayor of Bislig, was killed by a bullet in the head

The gunman, with two lookouts, escaped on a motor cycle, police said.

● **Accused priests:** The Deputy Justice Minister, Mr Jesus Borromeo, yesterday told lawyers of three Roman Catholic priests – including an Australian and an Irish missionary – that he needs more evidence before he will decide whether to drop multiple murder charges against them and six church leaders.

All nine have pleaded not guilty to charges that they plotted the murder of a town mayor and four of his aides

Nigeria purges civil servants

Lagos (AFP) – The Nigerian Federal Civil Service Commission has announced the immediate compulsory retirement or dismissal of 3,000 civil servants of various grades as part os a continuing purge by the military administration.

The campaign in six establishments is directed against "undesirable, partisan and unproductive" public officials. The Communications Ministry will lose most staff.

Howe flies to Peking today

By Henry Stanhope Diplomatic Correspondent

Sir Geoffrey Howe flies to China tomorrow for high-level talks on the future of Hongkong, with five months to go before the deadline for an agreement fixed by the Peking government.

But British Government sources said last night that a lot of hard work remained to be done and no decisive outcome should be expected. It was being seen more as a useful opportunity for a comprehensive review of the Anglo-Chinese negotiatiions which opened in September, 1982.

The sources said that the atmosphere was good and progress had been made. With £1,178m worth of trade between Britain and Hongkong last year, the Government had a clear interest in ensuring that the prosperity and stability of the colony survived the expiry of Britain's lease in 1997.

Other international issues, including East-West relations and the Middle East, will also be covered in Sir Geoffrey's talks with Mr Wu Xueqian, the Chinese Foreign Minister.

24-hour kidnap drama

Super stallion lost and found

From Diana Geddes, Paris

A kidnapped thoroughbred stallion Hadol du Vivier was found yesterday only a few miles from the stud farm near Rouen where it was stolen on Wednesday night.

The kidnappers had demanded a 2m franc (£174,000) ransom from the owner, Mme Henri Lévesque.

Renowned in his day as the best trotter of all time, winning 23 of the 24 races for which he was entered in his first two seasons, Hadol du Vivier, now aged 11, had been put out to stud for the past four years.

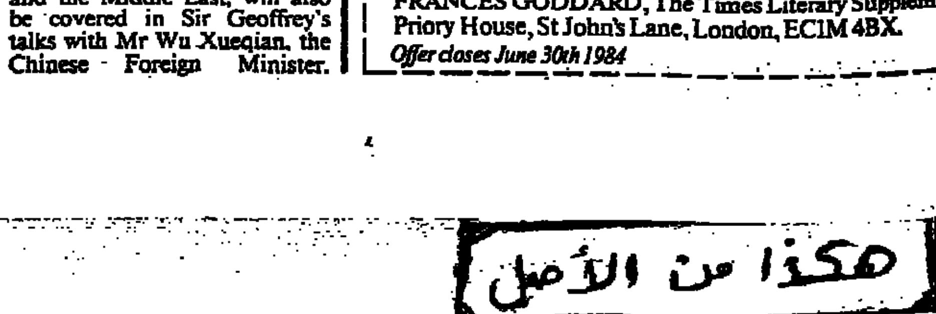
The well-known Cheffreville-Tonnecourt stud farm, owned by Mme Lévesque, confirmed yesterday that the stallion had been taken from his stable some time between 9pm on Wednesday and 1am yesterday. The kidnappers had threatened to kill the horse unless 2m francs were handed over

The best known horse kidnapping was that of the flat-racing champion Shergar, who was seized from a stud farm in Ireland in February, 1983. After a year of waiting, hoax ransom demands, and worldwide investigations, the stallion was finally given up for dead in February, and the insurance company agreed to pay more than £7m to the syndicate that owned him, which included the Aga Khan.

● **Distinguished record:** As a three and four-year-old Hadol du Vivier won no less than 18 consecutive races (our Racing Correspondent writes).



On the trot: Hadol du Vivier in action



South Africa credits its cross-border raids with paving way to peace

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South Africa's "forceful military action" over the past decade, including cross-border raids against Namibian nationalist guerrilla bases in Angola, created the climate in which the current peace initiatives in the Southern African region became possible, the Pretoria Government has claimed in a defence White Paper.

The paper, on defence and armaments supply for 1984, was tabled in Parliament on Wednesday by General Magnus Malan, the Minister of Defence. It indicates no slackening in South Africa's military effort, despite the better hopes for peace, but furnishes figures showing that, although defence spending has increased sharply in recent years, it has also declined in real terms.

The White Paper argues that South Africa's pursuit of "a sucessful strategy of deterrence" has allowed (black) African states "to experience the dangers of Russian involvement in their countries, as well as the suffering and retrogression that follows upon the revolutionary formula".

Over the past decade many of South Africa's neighbours have "come to their senses and have had their eyes opened to the dangers of Russian imperialism", the paper states. As a result, it will be "possible to conduct future negotiations in a calm and relaxed atmosphere, thereby gaining more time in which the negotiating process can develop, until lasting peace and prosperity is attained in the entire sub-continent".

The "decisive factors" in meeting the short-term military threat to South Africa, the paper says, are continued pressure against the South-West African People's Organization (Swapo) guerrillas in Namibia and their African National Congress (ANC) counterparts in South Africa, the goodwill and support of the "broad (South African) population" and the preparedness of the Defence Force.

Over the long term, the paper maintains, the scale of the conventional military threat to South Africa posed by surrounding black states would be determined primarily by the extent to which the Soviet Union and "international organizations" were prepared to become involved, as well as the readiness of neighbouring states to serve as bases for "destabilization and terrorism".

The paper denounces the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity as the most important "worldwide and regional organizations" which, it claims, "lend themselves to furthering (Russian) objectives in Southern Africa by joining the propaganda onslaught against the Republic of South Africa". It says that certain church leaders in South Africa are also part of this onslaught.

The paper identifies new airfields and stepped-up naval shipbuilding as two priority areas and, in the light of the world embargo on arms supplies to South Africa, expresses concern that "some of the most reliable main armaments" are now obsolete.

The paper declares that South Africa will have to concentrate on the local development, production and commission of a new generation of main armaments to meet the threat of the Soviet stockpile in certain neighbouring countries and "to maintain the existing balance of power".

Escapers held

Seven members of the African National Congress were arrested after a shoot-out with police in Mbabane, the Swaziland capital. They belonged to a group of 15 who escaped from police custody last weekend.

The shoot-out, indicates the pressure which the guerrilla movement is under as a result of security pacts South Africa has signed with Mozambique and Swaziland.



Beside the point: Rudolph Nureyev arriving in Munich where he is taking part in an international ballet festival.

Revenge of the Samurai

Nairobi (AP) – A Kenyan, aged 35, who had a hand cut off by a Briton wielding a Samurai sword, was sentenced yesterday to two years' imprisonment and one stroke of a cane for housebreaking.

Andrew Nduini Kamere, who pleaded guilty, was arrested at a mission hospital near Mount Kenya, when staff became suspicious after reading a newspaper account of the attempted break-in

Mr Claude Robertson-Dunn, aged 62, had struck out in the dark with the sword, a souvenir from war service in Burma, when at least two intruders tried to force their way into his home. He was not aware that he had injured anyone.

Chernenko behind editor's removal

Tikhonov lip service to détente

From Richard Owen, Moscow

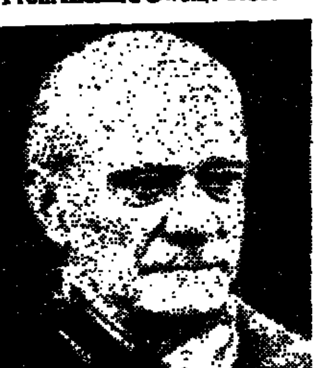
Mr Nikolia Tikhonov, newly confirmed as the Soviet Prime Minister, yesterday called for a "change for the better in the international situation" but offered no hope that the Chernenko administration might make arms concessions to reactivate détente, one of President Chernenko's declared aims.

Mr Tikhonov, aged 78, was speaking on the second and final day of the Supreme Soviet, or parliament. He presented an unchanged list of ministers, confirming that the new leadership favours conservatism and the status quo rather than the personnel changes that marked the Andropov era.

The list of three Deputy Prime Ministers was headed by Mr Geidar Aliyev, aged 60, widely seen as one of the most able men in the Politburo despite the handicap of his Azerbaijani origin. The other two deputy premiers are Mr Andrei Gromyko and Mr Ivan Arkhipov, both in their seventies. Mr Gromyko remains at the Foreign Ministry, and Marshal Ustinov stays as Defence Minister.

On the opening day of the session on Wednesday Mr Chernenko, the party leader, was elected President. He was nominated by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, aged 53, who is increasingly seen as the country's next leader.

Mr Tikhonov said yesterday that Soviet defence measures were only a "natural reply to the recklessness of militarist circles



Mr Tikhonov: Offered no arms concessions

in the United States and Nato". The abandoned Geneva talks could resume only if Nato withdrew the "obstacles" in the shape of cruise and Pershing 2 missiles.

He referred to a forthcoming summit of Comecon. The Soviet block economic grouping, but did not give a date. No summit has been held for 12 years because of block disagreements. A summit was postponed yet again when President Andropov fell seriously ill. It is now likley to convene in spring or early summer.

Informed sources said that although Mr Chernenko was averse to personnel changes he was behind the appointment of Mr Lev Tolkunov, the editor of *Izvestia*, as chairman of the Soviet of the Union, one of the two chambers of parliament. The appointment, which is largely ceremonial, in effect removes Mr Tolkunov from the editorship, to which he was appointed by Mr Andropov.

Sources said Mr Chernenko had also met Mr Nikolai Shcholokhov, the disgraced former Interior Minister, but was unable to offer him a post since he had been expelled from the Central Committee under Mr Andropov. Some of Mr Shcholokhov's privileges have been restored.

The Supreme Soviet yesterday approved a new law on school reform introduced by Mr Aliyev. The reform, sponsored by Mr Chernenko in the Politburo, emphasizes vocational training and industrial experience and provides for children to begin school at six instead of seven.

Mr Aliyev said the reform would radically improve the outmoded Soviet educational system and train Russians for life in the twenty-first century. The new law also emphasizes ideological indoctrination

● MADRID: Plans for an official visit to the Soviet Union by King Juan Carlos and Queen Sophia went ahead here yesterday after Mr Chernenko was elected President, according to reliable sources in Madrid (Harry Debelius writes).

The visit, which was delayed recently, apparently because there was no Soviet head of state to receive the King and Queen, will be the first by a Spanish head of state, and may take place as early as next month. The trip was first discussed six years ago.

Chile bishops seek democracy timetable

From Florencia Varas, Santiago

Chilean bishops have issued a declaration calling for an end to violence and asking the Government to establish a timetable for a return to democracy. It is the first time that the Roman Catholic Church has asked the Government for such a timetable.

The appeal comes at a time when President Pinochet's regime has resumed its hard line toward the left wing opposition: with the expulsion to Brazil of two Communist leaders and renewed censorship of five opposition magazines.

Señor Juan Pablo Cardenas, editor of the centre-left magazine *Analysis*, was arrested in his office on Tuesday as he was composing a letter of protest at the regime of the latest edition of his twice-monthly publication.

The current issue, which appeared on the streets this week, publishes the results of an opinion poll in which the majority of Chileans called for President Pinochet's resignation. According to the poll, 75.4 per cent of the public wanted General Pinochet to step down before the end of his presidential term in 1989 and 57.7 per cent wanted him to leave office immediately. The poll said only 36.3 per cent of the population wanted him to remain in power.

Last week's Cabinet reshuffle, which signalled the end of rigid monetarist policies, has won the backing of local businessmen and suggests that the government is trying to gain middle class support through populist policies while stepping up its repression of the Marxist left.

The decision to change national economic policy was apparently taken by General Pinochet as he toured Santiago by helicopter on the night of March 27 and saw, for the first time, burning barricades and street demonstrations.

The new Cabinet, headed by Señor Sergio Onofre Jarpa, will attempt to regain the support of the commercial, industrial and transport interests through domestic policies determined to bring about economic revival and create new jobs.

Attempts will be made to revise Chile's International Monetary Fund obligations by modifying strict conditions on state spending and interest payments. Señor Luis Escobar Cerda, the new Finance Minister, is at the moment in Washington having discussions with the International Monetary Fund on Chile's debts.

By abandoning the economic policies to which he attributes his growing unpopularity, General Pinochet has once again shown his political skill. Meanwhile, the non-Marxist opposition represented in the Alianza Democratica coalition, which includes both right-wing and Socialist parties, has not been able to capitalize on the success of its last day of protest.

The Alianza's proposed plans for government were to have been made public, but strong differences of opinion within the coalition have prevented this. There is political infighting within the Alianza between those who still advocate an attempt at dialogue and those who demand a total break with the Government.

The leftist parties represented in the Movimiento Democratico Popular which includes Communists, Marxist Socialists and the Revolutionary Left Movement, have called for a complete break with the military government and advocate all forms of struggle against it, including armed resistance.

Too much milk and too few babies

From Ian Murray Strasbourg

The EEC has too much milk and too few babies, the European Parliament heard yesterday. By the end of the year it will have 1 million unwanted tonnes of butter. By the end of the century, unless people can be encouraged to make love for Europe, the native European will be an aging, endangered species.

The milk delivery news was given by Mr Poul Dalsager, the Agriculture Commissioner. Despite the recent agreement to put a limit on milk production, he said, the beef mountain would add to difficulties and a restrictive price policy would be obligatory.

The baby news came in a curt report from two Christian Democrats, Mr Lambert Crouz of Belgium and Signor Paolo Barbi of Italy. By the year 2000, it said, Europeans would have dropped in number to only 4.5 per cent of the world's population, compared with 8.8 per cent 30 years ago.

Mr Dalsager suggested that in future the typical farming family could not expect to live exclusively by agriculture. A pricing policy to "guide production in the way which common sense dictates" would mean that alternative jobs would have to be created outside farming to supplement incomes.

The Christian Democrats suggested that the typical family unit could only be expected to grow if there were social security inducements.

Print strike hits papers in Germany

From Our Correspondent Bonn

West German newspaper and magazine printers yesterday opened a trade union campaigning for a 35-hour working week by launching 24-hour selective strikes at 30 plants around the country.

The affected plants included six in Hamburg area and another six in and around Frankfurt. None of the five daily newspapers published in Frankfurt was expected to appear today, nor the international edition of *Financial Times*.

The strikes were called by the printers' trade union, IG Druck und Papier after a breakdown of talks about pay and a 35-hour week without wage penalties. The union yesterday described the selective strikes as a "form of flexible industrial action".

The union also called on journalists of the affected newspapers to show solidarity with the printers by staging similar "warning" strikes. The German journalists' trade union passed on the call to its members.

The print employers' association in Wiesbaden, yesterday took a relaxed view of the strikes. "We are not at present planning countermeasures, and especially no lockouts," a spokesman said.

Widespread strikes in the metal industry are also expected if the powerful metalworkers' trade union IG Metall, and employers are not able to reach agreement

No garnishee order against bank account of Embassy

Alcom Ltd v Republic of Colombia

Before Lord Diplock, Lord Fraser of Tullybelton, Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Roskill and Lord Templeman

[Speeches delivered April 12]

A judgment creditor seeking to satisfy a judgment for money obtained against a foreign state could not use garnishee proceedings to freeze that state's London bank account unless the creditor could show that the balance in that account was solely to meet liabilities incurred in commercial transactions.

The House of Lords overruled the Court of Appeal's decision on October 24, 1983 (Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice May and Lord Justice Dillon) that such orders did not infringe the State Immunity Act 1978 (*The Times* October 26, 1983; [1983] 3 WLR 906) and restored the order of Mr Justice Hobhouse who on October 21, 1983 set aside garnishee orders obtained by the plaintiffs, Alcom Ltd, against two London bank accounts of the defendants, the Republic of Colombia.

Mr Richard Slowe for the plaintiffs; Mr Anthony Thompson, QC and Mr Timothy Saloman for the defendants; Mr Simon D. Brown and Mrs Rosalyn Higgins as *amici curiae*.

LORD DIPLOCK said that the decisive question was whether in the context of the other provisions of the Act, and against the background of its subject-matter, public international law, the words "property which is for the time being in use or intended for use for commercial purposes" appearing in section 13 (4) as an exception to the general immunity to the enforcement jurisdiction of United Kingdon courts, afforded by section 13 (2) to the property of a foreign state, was apt to describe the debt represented by the balance standing to the credit of a current account kept with a commercial banker for the purpose *of meeting the expenditure incurred* in the day-to-day running of the diplomatic mission of a foreign state.

Such expenditure would, no doubt, include some moneys due under contracts for the supply of goods or services to the mission to meet which the mission would draw upon its current bank account; but the account would also be drawn upon to meet many other items of expenditure which fell outside even the extended definition of "commercial purposes" for which section 17 (1) and section 3 (3) provided.

The debt owed by the bank to the foreign sovereign state and represented by the credit balance in the current account kept by the diplomatic mission of that state as a possible subject-matter of the enforcement jurisdiction of the court was one and indivisible; it was not susceptible of anticiplatory dissection into the various uses to which moneys drawn upon it might have been put in the future if it had not been subjected to attachment by garnishee proceedings.

Unless it could be shown by the judgment creditor who was seeking to attach the credit balance by garnishee proceedings that the bank account was earmarked by the foreign state solely (save for *de minimis* exceptions) for being drawn upon to settle liabilities incurred in commercial transactions, as for example by issuing documentary credits in payment of the price of goods sold to the state, it could not be brought within the crucial words of the exception for which section 13 (4) provided.

The onus of proving that the balance standing to the credit of the diplomatic mission's current bank account fell within the exception created by the crucial words in section 13 (4) lay upon the judgment creditor. By section 13 (6) the head of the mission's certificate that property was not in use or intended for use by or on behalf of the state for commercial purposes was sufficient evidence of that fact unless the contrary was proved.

The Colombian Ambassador had given such a certificate and accordingly the bank account referred to fell outside section 13 (4).

His Lordship added that it needed to be said in fairness to the Republic of Colombia that the present case had not been one in which that state had been seeking to escape from satisfying a judgment on the merits, given against it, on a cause of action for breach of contract.

Through a series if mischances and misunderstandings as to the new procedure for service of writs on foreign states, the republic had failed to enter appearance timeously and judgment in default of appearance (now set aside) had been obtained against it.

Lord Fraser, Lord Keith, Lord Roskill and Lord Templeman agreed.

Solicitors: Mr William T. Stockler; Boodle Hatfield & Co; Treasury Solicitor.

Skeleton argument

Horcal Ltd v Gatland

Counsel opening his appeal informed the Court of Appeal on April 11 that he had not prepared a skeleton argument because his argument was set out in the judgment of Mr Justice Glidewell (*The Times* May 4, 1983) from which he was appealing.

Lord Justice Lawton, sitting with Lord Justice Fox and Lord Justice Robert Goff, said that there was no need in simple and straightforward cases to produce skeleton arguments. If counsel was satisfied that his argument appeared in the judge's judgment that was sufficient.

88-year-old extradition practice overruled

In re Nielson

Before Lord Diplock, Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Roskill, Lord Bridge of Harwich and Lord Brightman

[Speeches delivered April 12]

In a case where surrender was not by the extradition treaty in question limited to persons accused of conduct constituting a crime of a particular kind, English law alone was relevant in deciding whether the evidence justified committal of a fugitive criminal for trial, and the examining magistrate had no jurisdiction to inquire into or receive evidence of the substantive criminal law of the foreign state in order to detemine that the crime for which the extradition was requested was substantially similar in both countries.

The House of Lords, overruling long-standing practice, dismissed an appeal by Mr Jan Bonde Neilsen, a Danish national, from the Divisional Court (Lord Justice Robert Goff and Mr Justice Mann) who on May 12, 1983 (*The Times* May 17, 1983 *sub nom: R v Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Ex parte Government of Denmark*) allowed an application by the responent, the Government of Denmark, for judicial review of the decision of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate at Bow Street (Mr D A Hopkin) ordering the appellant's discharge.

Section 10 of the Extradition Act 1870 provides: "In the case of a fugitive criminal accused of an extradition crime, if the foreign warrant authorising the arrest of such criminal is duly authenticated, and such evidence is produced as (subject to the provisions of this Act) would, according to the law of England, justify the committal for trial of the prisoner if the crime of which he is accused had been committed in England, the police magistrate shall commit him to prison, but otherwise shall order him to be discharged . . ."

Mr John Mathew, QC and Mr Clive Stanbrook for the appellant; Mr Clive Nicholls, QC and Mr R Alun Jones for the Government of Denmark.

LORD DIPLOCK said that "the crime of which he is accused" in section 10 of the 1870 Act, meant the crime specified in an order by the secretary of state to the magistrate to proceed to issue his warrant for the apprehesion of the fugitive criminal to show cause why he should not be surrendered for that crime pursuant to the Extradition Acts 1870 to 1932. The magistrate had no jurisdiction under section 10 to issue his warrant for committal of the fugitive criminal for any crime other than one so specified.

Under the principal extradition treaty with Denmark of 1873, the documents accompanying the requisition for the surrender of a fugitive criminal in an "accusation" case would state the "acts" on account of which the fugitive was demanded by the Danish government.

It was for the secretary of state to make up his mind what crime those acts would have amounted to according to the English law in force at the time when they had been committed if they had been committed in England – in the instant case, the Theft Act 1968.

At the hearing before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate pursuant to a practice that had apparently been followed at Bow Street in extradition cases since the judgment of a Divisional Court in *In re Arton (No 2)* ([1896] 1 QB 509), evidence of Danish criminal law had been called on behalf of the Danish government, in particular expert evidence as to the wording of, and practice followed in prosecutions under, article 280 of the Danish Criminal Code, which was the offence referred to in the Danish warrant of arrest as being the crime committed in Denmark in respect of which that warrant had been issued.

On that expert evidence, the magistrate had apparently taken the view that, although there were other articles in the Danish Criminal Code that corresponded to the English offences referred to in the secretary of state's orders to proceed, the Danish offence created by article 280 involved a narrower concept than was involved in any of the specified English offences. He had regarded himself as bound by authority to discharge an accused unless "the offences in English law and...Danish law are substantially similar in concept" and had taken the view that, for the purpose of determining whether there was the necessary similarity, he was compelled to confine himself to the description of the Danish offence contained in article 280.

The double comparison between the substantive criminal law of England and of the foreign state and between the versions in the English and the foreign language versions of the list of extraditable crimes in the treaty that appeared to have become an invariable practice in all extradition cases since *In re Arton (No 2)* had first been given the sobriquet of "double criminality" by Mr Justice Griffiths in *R v Governor of Pentonville Prison, Ex parte Budlong* ([1980] 1 WLR 1110). After discussion of the cases in which the practice had been followed, Mr Justice Griffiths had summarised it thus, at pp. 1122-1123: ". . . double criminality in our law of extradition is satisfied if it is shown: (1) that the crime for which extradition is demanded would be recognised as substantially similar in both countries; (2) that there is a *prima facie* case that the conduct of the accused amounted to the commission of the crime according to English law."

His Lordship could find no justification whatever in the 1870 Act for adducing at the hearing before the magistrate, under sections 9 and 10, evidence of foreign law directed to satisfying Mr Justice Griffiths's proposition (1) in an accusation case in which the surrender of a fugitive criminal was requisitioned by the Danish government under the principal treaty.

Except where there was a claim that the arrest was for a political offence, the magistrate was not concerned (in a case where the extradition treaty did not contain provisions limiting surrender to persons accused of conduct that constituted a crime of a particular kind – for example one that attracted specified minimum penalties – in both England and the foreign state) with what provision of foreign criminal law (if any) was stated in the warrant to be the offence that the person was suspected of having committed and in respect of which his arrest had been ordered in the foreign state.

He must hear such evidence, including evidence made admissible by sections 14 and 15 of the 1870 Act, as might be produced on behalf of the requisitioning foreign government, and by the accused if he wished to do so; and at the conclusion of the evidence he must decide whether such evidence would, according to the law of England, justify the committal for trial of the accused for an offence that was described in the 1870 list (as added to or amended by subsequent Extradition Acts) provided that such offence was also included in the extraditable crimes listed in the English language version of the extradition treaty.

In making that decision it was English law alone that was relevant. The requirement that he should make it did not give him any jurisdiction to inquire into or receive evidence of the substantive criminal law of the foreign state in which the conduct had in fact been committed.

The evidence of Danish law, adduced though it had been in accordance with the long-prevailing practice, had been irrelevant. It should not have been admitted by the magistrate.

His Lordship would therefore uphold the order of the Divisional Court setting aside the magistrate's order for the appellant's discharge and remitting the case to the magistrate to continue hearing the as yet unfinished evidence that the Danish government wished to produce.

Lord Keith, Lord Roskill, Lord Bridge and Lord Brightman agreed.

Solicitors: Memery Crystal & Co; DPP.

Adverse possession by incorporation of land

Rudgwick Clay Works Ltd v Baker and Another

Before Mr Edward Evans-Lombe, QC

[Judgment delivered April 6]

The incorporation of a piece of land into the curtilage of a house demonstrated an intention to possess the land permanently, was inconsistent with the use of the land for future mining operations, and was capable of amounting to adverse possession.

Mr Edward Evans-Lombe, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancery Division so held in a reserved judgment in refusing Rudgwick Clay Works Ltd a declaration that they were the true owners of a piece of land in Rudgwick, West Sussex.

Mr John Trenhaile for the clay company; Mr Michael Templeman for Mr and Mrs Baker.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the writ was issued on July 20, 1979, and that the case was therefore *governed* by the Limitation Act 1939. The Limitation Act 1980, and in particular paragraph 8(4) of Schedule 1 which related to "special purpose" cases did not apply. The relevant case law which did apply consisted of *Wallis's Cayton Bay Holiday Camp Ltd v Shell-Mex and BP Ltd* ([1975] QB 94) and the cases which succeeded it.

He found the following, *inter alia*, as facts: the clay company had the paper title to the disputed land and had retained it with the object of ultimately mining it for clay; the Bakers and their predecessors in title had included the disputed land within a fence as part of the curtilage of their house, consistently cleared it of scrub woodland and used it for various limited agricultural and horticultural purposes in precisely the same way as the contiguous land which was unquestionably part of their property for over 13 years; the clay company must have known of this treatment of the land.

His Lordship found that this was not a case where the intention was merely to derive some enjoyment from the land wholly consistent with such use as the true owner might wish to make of it. The question as to whether adverse possession had been established was one of fact, in which the clay company's proved intention to hold the land pending future mining operations was one of a number of matters for the consideration of the court, albeit a very important one.

Incorporation of what would otherwise be open land into the curtilage of a house was an act of possession different in kind from the periodical cultivation of a piece of unmarked agricultural land as in the *Wallis* case and implied an intention permanently to occupy the land in question.

Mr Trenhaile conceded that building a bungalow would be inconsistent with the company's future exploitation of the land as a claymine. His Lordship did not think there was any substantial difference in quality between the building of a house and the establishing of a curtilage round that house; a large tank would make equally short work of both of them and both demonstrated an intention permanently to possess.

Solicitors: Mr Leslie A. Fawke; Robbins Olivey & Lake, Guildford.

Repairing covenant

Wainwright v Leeds City Council

There was no reason why the statutory covenant by a lessor to repair in section 32 of the Housing Act 1961 should be differently construed in the case of a local authority landlord or why a higher obligation should be put on them than on a private landlord, Lord Justice Dunn, sitting with Mr Justice Wood, said in the Court of Appeal on April 11.

Gain realized only when land sold can be disposed of

Yuill v Fletcher

Before Lord Justice Waller, Lord Justice Oliver and Lord Justice Purchas

[Judgment delivered April 10]

For the purposes of section 488 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970, a gain was realized on the sale of land only when it could be effectively enjoyed and disposed of. Where, therefore, parcels of land were sold upon terms, *inter alia*, that the proceeds of sale should be deposited with a third party and subsequently released to the vendors by annual instalments, subject to certain conditions, then the gain was only realized when those instalments were ultimately received, and not at the time of sale, even though the contractual rights then acquired might have had a saleable value.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by Mr Cecil Yuill from the order of Mr Justice Walton on April 15, 1983 (*The Times*, April 20, 1983) affirming a decision of the special commissioners upholding, with some adjustment of figures, assessments to income tax on Mr Yuill pursuant to section 488 relating to the years 1976 to 1980 inclusive.

In 1972 two parcels of land in Co Durham were conveyed for a total of £121,000 to companies resident in Guernsey and controlled by Mr Yuill. The sales were carried out with the sole or main object of realizing gains from the disposal of that land once planning permission had been acquired.

In 1974 planning permission was obtained and the companies contracted to sell the land to one of the taxpayer's other companies for £700,000 and £648,000 respectively. The contracts provided for part repayment of the agreed purchase prices in the event of land nationalization within five years.

It was further agreed that substantial parts of the purchase prices should not be paid to the two Guernsey companies but should be loaned to a third party, such loans to be repayable to the vendors by instalments in future years.

An appeal by the taxpayer against an assessment on him to income tax for 1973-74 of £1,129,800 made in respect of development gains by virtue of section 488(3) and (8) of the 1970 Act was allowed by the House of Lords: see *Yuill v Wilson* ([1980] 1 WLR 910). They reduced the assessment to £1,417 on the ground that the parts of the purchase prices left outstanding were not to be taxed as realized gains for 1973-74.

The revenue subsequently made four assessments to income tax on the taxpayer for the years 1976 to 1980 inclusive, being the years in which the outstanding instalments of the purchase prices were paid to the two companies.

The special commissioners dismissed the taxpayer's appeal against those assessments in principle. Mr Justice Walton upheld that determination and Mr Yuill appealed.

Mr Leolin Price, QC and Mr C. W. Koenigsberger for Mr Yuill; Mr Charles Potter, QC and Mr Christopher McCall for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE OLIVER said that section 488 had been enacted to prevent the avoidance of tax by persons concerned with land or the development of land. By subsection (2) it applied, *inter alia*, where land was acquired in order to realize a gain, and where, by means of an arrangement or scheme in which he was concerned, a person was able to realize a gain of a capital nature by an indirect method or by a series of transactions.

Subsection (3) provided that where the section applied the whole of any gain should for all the purposes of the tax Acts be treated "as being income which arises when the gain is realized, and which constitutes profits or gains chargeable to tax under Case VI of Schedule D for the chargeable period in which the gain is realized".

What was said on behalf of the taxpayer was that although his two Guernsey companies had received moneys pursuant to the contract in the periods concerned by the assessment in question, they had not realized a gain in those periods.

The gain had already been realized in the years in which the contract had been made because each company had then received a valuable benefit in the form of a right under its contract to receive moneys in the future which had been at its absolute disposition.

But the House of Lords had made it clear in the earlier case that these contracts were not contracts for "money's worth" but simply contracts for the payment of money, and that gains would be realized as and when the money was withdrawn from deposit under the terms of the relevant agreements: see, *Yuill v Wilson, per* Viscount Dilhorne at p918.

Whether a gain had been realized was a question of fact in each case, although obviously a question which would depend on the contractual rights of the person making the gain.

In the instant case, it was not pretended that the companies either had or had attempted to dispose of their rights to payment of the contractual consideration and there was no ground for saying that a gain had been "realized" either as a matter of fact or of law simply because those contractual rights existed and might, had anyone thought about it, have been assigned for value.

It followed that the appeal should be dismissed.

Lord Justice Waller delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Purchas agreed.

Solicitors: Sinclair Roche & Temperley, for Tilly Bailey & Irvine, Hartlepool; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Psychiatrist and broadcaster Anthony Clare has a natural and articulate public curiosity. But about himself he maintains an intensely private silence. **Laurie Taylor** puts him on the couch for a diagnosis

Curiouser and curiouser

Few people talk so well as Anthony Clare. Throw him a subject and before you can say Bob Robinson he's after it like a terrier: nudging it querulously this way and that, wheedling his way through its ramifications, and all the while assuming such a look of intense puzzlement that you are flattered into believing your simple conversational topic might actually hold the key to the future of civilization.

But in the course of this display very little is revealed about Anthony Clare himself. For years I sat across the table from him in that sub-basement of Broadcasting House where *Stop the Week* is recorded and earnestly discussed the value of Roget's *Thesaurus*, the character of Volvo drivers and the fearful threat to the British way of life posed by the abolition of the sixpence. But whereas such other contributors as Robert Robinson, the chairman, Milton Shulman and Ann Leslie were happy to embellish or even propel their arguments with a little autobiographical detail, some intimate reminiscence, Anthony, for all his rhetorical verve, was about as personally forthcoming as an *I Speak Your Weight* machine.

Of course, Clare is a psychiatrist – now indeed Professor of Psychological Medicine at Barts – and your typical shrink doesn't lean forward and say, "Well, Mr Zimmerman, that's all very interesting, now let me tell you about *my* secret hopes and fears". But we were in a studio, not a clinic. Why couldn't he let his guard down a little?

Then, to make matters worse, along came *In the Psychiatrist's Chair* in which he not only enjoyed all the personal immunity of the media interviewer – of a Robin Day or a Ludovic Kennedy – but actually came on as a psychiatrist as well. In such

In Ireland there are always demands to belong

circumstances questions about Clare's own motives were virtually *lèse-majesté*. No wonder most of his subjects just lay back on the couch and behaved themselves.

So, as soon as we had ordered lunch and played a couple of rounds of Senior Common Room, I asked if he had ever considered that there might be something, well, a little "pathological" about all this detachment?

"*Well, really, the radio series was* intended to be more mutual than it turned out. *It was.* And in fact I'm much more revealing about myself than the average analyst would be. Somebody described the interview with Spike Milligan as 'an ordeal by fire'. Very non-psychiatric in many ways. *Nevertheless. Nevertheless.* You're right. It was not mutual. There was much less revealed of me than the other."

So, what was there about him which made him so comfortable with such lack of mutuality?

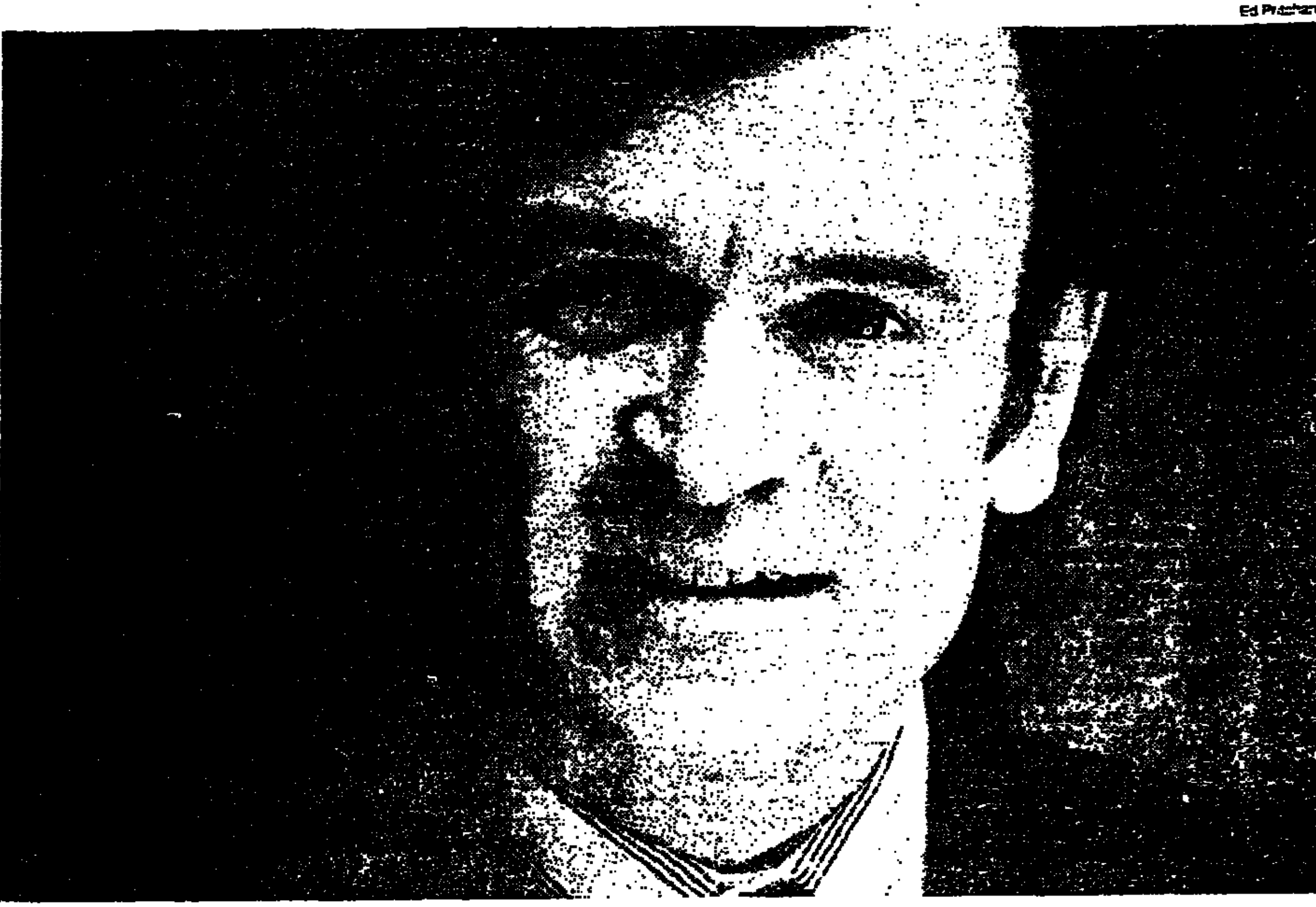
"I suppose I do have a kind of fastidious detachment. It's linked to my past. In Ireland, there are always great demands for you to join and belong. (Clare was born in Dublin in 1942). The Roman Catholic commitment. The family commitment. And of course Ireland is full of political commitment. *Inevitably there's a lot of* covert dissonance. But for one reason or another I wasn't very good at being covert. So I came out of Ireland. (He arrived in England in 1970). That was a big act of detachment. Although I go back a lot. I enjoy being there and not there. I often quote, though it's a bit of a cheat, Joyce's remark when asked – in Trieste – when was he going to go back to Ireland, and he said 'I've never left it'. That's lovely. *Trieste*, for God's sake! Hammersmith or Hackney, maybe."

I dragged the conversation back from the edges of literature and asked if that claustrophobic aspect of Irish life was really sufficient explanation for his fear of personal commitment. Was there any other influence in that direction?

"Oh yes. A very important one. My time at the Maudsley (the Maudsley Hospital in South London, where Clare was based as a research fellow from 1970 to 1983). The Maudsley very strongly reinforced the value of detachment. The spirit of a man called Aubrey Lewis was still very powerful there – although he'd retired. Scepticism about everything. *About everything.* Some called it nihilism. I know it all made me a better destroyer than a creator."

He had treated the work "creator" with some reverence. I wondered if he specially envied the artists and innovators he had interviewed in his series.

"That's right. I'm at my most voyeuristic when I'm confronted by creative people. They interest me the most. I'm not creative. That would be my major deficiency. One senses one's strengths, and creativity is not one of mine. I envy – *envy* – those who make much of their immediate human surroundings and turn them very quickly into scarcely disguised fiction. When I interviewed Beryl Bainbridge I was obsessed with how she did it."



Ed Pritchard

Anthony Clare: "I'm at my most voyeuristic when I'm confronted by creative people

Medicine usually breeds middle-rank writers

His voice went up into the octave Clare reserves for extreme incredulity. "*How did she do it?* And yet, I have the material. The people who pass through a very ordinary clinic – their stories, their personal accounts – make the average 'Wednesday Play' seem *very dull*. In fact, one of my literary heroes would be Chekhov because he was the only one who seemed able to use the material of medicine and really elevate it to the levels of high art. Otherwise medicine usually breeds middle-rank writers."

When it comes to academic literature, Clare is well above middle rank. But interestingly even here, in such readable and informed texts as *Psychiatry in Dissent* and *Let's Talk About Me*, he is most concerned about the dangers of over-commitment to particular psychiatric schools. So, while there is something definitely Freudian in the emphases in his radio series upon frustration and crisis, there is little on sexuality or very early childhood. Was he a faint-hearted Freudian, perhaps?

"No, no. But we've got to the stage where no reasonable individual can any longer deny many Freudian ideas. In fact we have reached the point where a patient can anticipate a Freudian interpretation. 'I find it difficult to express affection for my son', says a mother, 'because I'm aware of all those problems about Oedipal conflict'. Psychoanalysis is too time-bound and culture-bound."

But wasn't that a little glib? Weren't there analysts who would argue that *the Victorian sexual hysteric had now* merely been replaced by an equally deformed character type – the Narcissist – people who believed that they might only truly discover themselves in the positive and public appraisals of others? Had he thought about this in connexion with his own courting of the media? After all there wasn't just *In the Psychiatrist's Chair*, there was its television version, *Motives*, and good old *Stop the Week*, and the Capital Radio chat shows, even, for heaven's sake, the BBC TV series *Q.E.D.* ("Why on earth is Anthony Clare doing the commentary for this?", asked one bemused TV critic. "Is it a new form of Irish whimsy?")

"Well, I'm tempted to say, how about you?"

I gave him the silent psychiatric look I had been practising on the way down from York that morning. It seemed to work.

"Yes, I am conscious of a profound contradiction in my position. I'm very aware as a psychiatrist of this growth of the individual who believes that he has *only one life and it is going to be fully* lived and that will include a great public performance if necessary. And I'm profoundly sceptical about the value of such a public life. And yet, here I am, as you say, doing, well, radio *and television*."

I let him stew, if that's the psychiatric term.

"Well, I suppose I'd say there's always the money. And I'd also defend it in terms of quality. That's important. The quality not the essence. And I'm also naturally curious. I am very curious about motives."

But wasn't endless curiosity, about motives and meanings and emotion and self, the very stuff of naricissism?

"You do touch me right on the raw when you put curiosity alongside narcissism like that. And yet there is a distinction here on which I hang my defence, *M'lud*. Let me get it right. Yes, I know what it is. It's something I found in California. Narcissism is a curiosity about one's self – an absolute absorption with the self. Whereas, curiosity – and we Irish are a naturally curious people – is about each other. I think that's why there are so many of us on the media. It's not narcissism. My curiosity is about others. Interviewing them, talking to them, poking through their letters."

But the people in his series weren't just "others", were they? They were famous. I had read elsewhere that he justified this by saying that this helped ordinary people to recognize the personal price that often has to be paid by the very successful. Might not cynics, however, suspect that contact with such people massaged his own ego? He didn't select them because he liked them.

"I'm a sucker for all individuals", he insisted. "Most individuals I like." I mentioned historian David Irving. "Well, for Irving, 'like' is the wrong word, and 'pity' is too patronizing. I don't know the word in his case." And advertising executive Peter Marsh? "Marsh I found very difficult. You see I particularly like people who have some sense of flaw and failure and can

I love to find someone who doesn't fit the theory

admit to it. Nell Dunn I was drawn to. People who are uncertain. I'm not sure I go for clarity."

How then did he react to those interviewees, such as surgeon Hugh Dudley, who just didn't seem to like answering personal questions about their lives.

"I rather warmed to Dudley's integrity. In his situation, I see the strengths of non-reflection. And knowing *about it. That's what I like.* Dudley's intelligent enough to know. He's not unaware of his inner life. He just says it's inappropriate. I admire that".

Or those who resist his interpretations, who don't fit the psychiatric pattern. Did they upset him?

"Quite the opposite. When I interviewed Sidney Weighell on television about the terrible accident in which his wife died – after that accident he did something you're not meant to do. He bottled it all up. Didn't talk to anybody. Went off. Dug his garden – almost literally – for a year, and then pulled himself together again. Now *that flies in the face of the theory that* he should have mourned openly. And I know some of my colleagues in the same interview situation would have pressed harder. 'Maybe he's still grieving', and so on. But I love to *find someone who proves the theory* isn't quite right."

Possibly I was paying too much attention to my raspberry flan but this was the point at which my interviewee's conversation suddenly floated free of its moorings – well away from any discussion of purely personal motives and ambitions. "You see, I'm also struck by the fact, that even when people have *it* made they feel an *inordinate need to wreck it all. And* I'm fascinated by the role of accident. And of course by those who don't want to know too much about the reasons behind their fears and anxieties. Take Glenda Jackson, for example."

Once Clare gets himself into overdrive like this, you simply have to sit back and wait for your turn.

Fortunately, I'd kept back a few more intimate questions until the very *end of the interview, for the time when* we were on to the coffee and maybe he was more off guard, questions which might touch on his family life a little more; his marriage to a graduate in literature, his five, or was it six, children, his home life in Beckenham. I was rather pleased with the first one on my list. It was a nice way of seeing if his personal reticence was really old-fashioned modesty. "Would you yourself like to be the subject of an interview by Anthony Clare", I asked.

"There's no answer to that question", he announced decisively and took out his cloakroom ticket.

As we pulled on our coats I heard *myself saying* "Sorry". It was only a minor relief, to realize on the train back to York that evening, that I had not added "Doctor".

In the Psychiatrist's Chair, *the unedited transcripts of the first radio series, is published on April 19 by Chatto and Windus (£9.95).*

moreover . . . Miles Kington

The rest of the world thinks that we British are hypocrites. We British haven't the faintest idea what the rest of the world is talking about. I thought I might have a bash today at explaining what they mean. It won't make any difference, but it might be fun trying.

Let us say, for a start, that the British are not exactly hypocritical, but that they are very good at believing two things which are diametrically opposite to each other. They believe that they have the best television in the world. At the same time, they never tire of pointing out how bad it is. They believe they have the best sense of humour in the world, including the art of being able to take a joke. At the same time, they can never bear it when a foreigner laughs at them.

I think it might be fair to say that during the Falklands war most of us were silently convinced that it was a mad and pointless exercise – in fact, we were hardly able to believe it was really happening. Which did not stop most of us very much wanting to win the war as clearly and crushingly as possible.

And, to come up to date, I think the British have a wonderful respect for the law. You can't start taking the law into your own hands . . . the law is the law . . . if you don't like the law, change it, don't break it. That's the sort of thing the British say. At the same time we are privately convinced that the law is also an ass, and we spend a great deal of our time trying to break it, bend it and chip little corners off it.

One reason for this is that there are far too many laws, many of which are plainly idiotic, unfair, out-of-date or irrelevant.

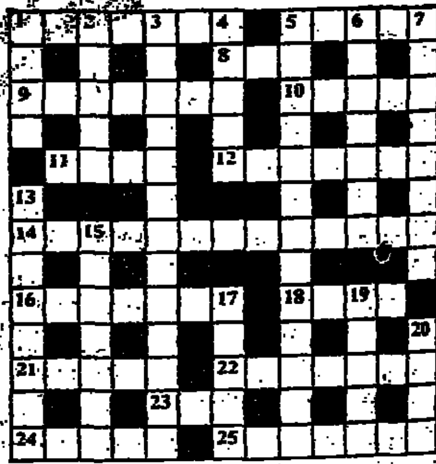
The Yorkshire miners provided a tasty example of this respect for, and simultaneous contempt of, the law recently, when they brought a motorway *to a standstill by driving a slow convoy* of cars up it. French lorry drivers' tactics! cried the media. But this was not so. The French would have blithely broken the law by dumping lorries on the motorway and leaving them there.

To come right up to date, the Official Secrets Act could be described as idiotic, unfair, out of date *and* irrelevant. When I was working at Punch 10 or 15 years ago, I received a long, detailed and enlightening letter from a reader in Swansea about the inefficiency and waste of money at *the centre dealing with driving licences.* I wrote back to him suggesting he might turn his letter into an article for us. He wrote back explaining that, being an employee at the centre, he had signed the Official Secrets Act and could be thrown out, nay prosecuted, for revealing anything that went on there.

To put it another way, a law which had been hastily passed in, I believe, 1911 to stop our military secrets passing to the Germans was 60 years later being used to stop details of the waste of taxpayers' money passing to a British magazine.

I, personally, have a healthy disrespect for the law. I also believe in it passionately, as it is all we have, especially in the absence of a constitution. I have absolutely no difficulty in combining these two contradictory attitudes. A foreigner would laugh at me and say I was being hypocritical. I think he might have a point.

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FRIDAY PAGE

Alan Franks counts the cost on children of broken marriages and **Judy Froshaug** talks to some weekend parents

When the family knot is undone

The couple had been getting on badly for some time. Maybe they were too young, or the courtship too long, or their families' expectations too far advanced. Whatever the reasons, they had children, two of them in 20 months, to "save the marriage." The babies must have been very poorly briefed; far from bringing about a rapprochment, they drove the wedge ever deeper between the parents. Just for a while, our couple (let us call them David and Charlotte) thought about staying together "for the children's sake", until it became plain that the children, by then five and three, were suffering as a result of the rift.

You will find David this Saturday afternoon in the Natural History Museum, showing his two sons the great brontosaurus skeleton and wondering how to fill the next two hours until it is time to take them "home".

Though he and his wife separated six months ago, they have joint custody of the children, which means that while he has equal rights in making major decisions. He has in effect become a weekend parent relating to them now through regular access rather than residence.

The trouble is that because divorce and separation are seen as basically adult experiences, the children are too often regarded as extension of the parental dispute at the very time when they most need to be the objects of a unified front. Because of the increasing facility of divorce, no fewer than 20 per cent of children in Great Britain will experience its effects by the time they turn 16. And of all parents who after separation adopt the visiting rather than the custodial role, half will have ceased to maintain contact with their children after two years.

Huge though that proportion sounds, the reasons for it are not hard to find. The visiting partner – and we have little choice but to refer to it as "he", since nine out of 10 parents leaving the matrimonial home are male – may find the whole process of collecting and dropping too painful. Whether it was he who "walked out", or she who "pushed" him, it cannot be much fun to turn up at the old place, with its ambivalent air of happy home and emotonal battleground, and to have a brief, exiled session with the children who are so clearly falling away from his sphere of influence. All this is not to say that the remaining parent's lot is exactly happy, what with the loss of support now compounding the earlier loss of companionship. But at least she *has* the children.

As Renate Olins, director of the London Marriage Guidance Council, says, there is a stage for many couples when the question of money becomes crucial to the exercising of access rights. "What happens, for example, if the mother and children, or the father, move 300 miles away." She says. "suddenly there's a £20 or £30 fare to be considered every other week, apart from the travelling time. Also, it is unlikely that the father, having left, is going to be able to set up another home comparable to the first which the children will feel drawn to visit."

And that, says Mrs Olins, takes no account of what might happen if the father sets up house with another woman. This is notoriously a point at which not only the mother discourages visits, but also he himself loses the zeal for access.

A growing view is the present adversarial system of the courts must be replaced by a strong network of conciliation services. In his essay, *Children and the Divorce Courts*, Martin Richards, head of the Cambridge University Child Care and Development Group, describes the law as "a crude method of trying to regulate himan relationships and settle family disputes". Courts should go out of their way, he says to confirm the continuing role of both parents.


Wendy Hoile

Given that by the time the couple comes before the Family Division of the High Court the domestic fat is well and truly in the judicial fire, this is sooner said than done.

Six years ago the Bristol Courts Family Conciliation Service was founded with a grant from the Nuffield Foundation. It soon became a pioneer in the "non-legal" settlement of custody and access problems: there are now 21 similar agencies throughout the country. The Bristol service has lived in fear of closure since the Home Office took over responsibility for its funding, yet the value of its function is well proven.

The submissions to the Booth Committee on Matrimonial Procedures, which published its consultation paper last year, may well indicate a growth in the "conciliation lobby". Already the committee is backing the principle that joint custody should be the norm in divorce proceedings, with the burdenof proof falling on the parent who claims a right to sole custody.

Encouraging though these trends are, they do not solve the problems of alienation and distance which are the lot of the weekend parent. Nor do they remove the deprivation of the children. From their point of view, as the cordinator of the Bristol service, Rosemary Fraser, puts it, "the benefit of access depends entirely on the parents' ability to manage it".

This week

TERRY, 35, PROPERTY DEVELOPER

divorced; one daughter, aged six

"The relationship was really over before she was born. But against all our friends' advice and our own better judgment we decided to try once more – for the baby's sake. It didn't work. After two years she threw me out. I raged, begged, made a lot of trouble, but at the time it hurt. She took out an injunction, and I was given access for two hours on Sundays. She always made sure I took Rosie during Sunday lunchtime opening hours, but in the summer we'd go to a pub with a garden, or I'd take her to the park, to feed the ducks on the pond. Taking her back was misery. Once, when I gave her mother a kiss on the cheek she put her arms round our necks and pulled us together, saying 'Mummy and Daddy and Rosie'. After I left, I cried. Now she's got a live-in guy with a kid, and it's all happy families. I, too, live happily with someone else. If I were lonely, penniless, in a bed-sit, I'd be bitter, but as a matter of fact things are much easier, access more flexible, and Rosie seems happy. But she'll always know I'm her real father. I could never be a 'friend' or an uncle as some blokes could."

Next week

ROBERT, 52, REDUNDANT, COMPANY DIRECTOR

divorced two years ago; a son and daughter aged 9 and 11

"We divorced after 20 years of marriage. I came home one weekend to find the house half stripped, and she and the children had gone. No warning. Nothing. We have joint custody, but it's meaningless. She's been obstructive all the way. At first they came every Sunday and one evening each a week. She managed to get the access altered to every other weekend, and I'm allowed to phone only once a week. The welfare officer is a divorced woman with a daughter, the magistrate an elderly single woman with no children. My ex-wife has a very good job, and has just bought a new house. I was made redundant several years ago and have a one-bedroom flat. The children used to go to Sunday school, and we all went to church when they came each week, or we'd go on outings. Now the continuity is broken. She hides behind her 'friend' (male) – literally, sometimes – when I go to collect the children. I always put my hands straight in my pockets when I'm near him, just in case. My 'ex' is the best actress that never made the West End stage. In real life she's pretty, competent, efficient. See her in court and she's cowed, pathetic: she even leaves the hair rinse off so that the grey comes through. She'd like me to disappear out of her life and the children's. She hasn't a hope in hell."

Sometimes

PETER, 38, ARCHITECT

Divorced; one son aged 8

After the divorce, I used to see my son Jamie every weekend. Several years ago she went for a holiday to Florida with Jamie and, as I later discovered, an old Polish boyfriend – she's Polish too. She rang me after a couple of months to say she'd moved there. "When am I going to see my son?" I asked. She said: "Move here." Eventually, after I had made a lot of fuss, she came back briefly and we agreed that I would have him on alternate summer holidays and at Christmas. I went to Florida the first time; she used me as a baby-sitter and her boyfriend kept asking my why I was hanging around the house. Neighbours told me they were worried that Jamie wasn't being properly cared for; she was always a careless mother. She's a bit potty, like her own mother, but spiteful too. I also heard that she sometimes leaves Jamie alone in the house half the night. He seems to spend a lot of time alone, or watching the television. He isn't doing well at school either, though he's very bright. What can you expect – her English and her maths are awful, and she works in the afternoons and evenings. I write to him every week, send him cards, stickers – and I 'phone. I'd love to get custody, but I know the moment I started to try she'd act like the model mother. I'd probably lose, and Jamie would suffer. I just hope she gets fed up with the responsibility and asks me to take him."

Never

MARGARET, 45, CHARITY WORKER

divorced; one daughter aged 25, one son aged 15 by second marriage

"I was much younger than he. I 'ran off' – I think that's what one says – with someone my own age, whom I subsequently married. My daughter was two, and I left her with her father until I was settled. It was very easy for him to get custody, even though I was the mother. He could prove that I had neglected the child by leaving and was having an affair with another man. I had also had drink and drug problems and was under a psychiatrist for a time. He, on the other hand, appeared very stable, had a nice house and enough money to employ a nanny. For the first year or so I tried to see my daughter all the time. He always refused, took her out, wouldn't let me in, put the 'phone down on me. To be fair he loved her a lot, though he was over-protective. I moved away from London, because of my second husband's work. I wrote and asked whether I could see my daughter; he didn't answer. Eventually I gave up trying. I could have gone to the courts but I felt I hadn't a leg to stand on. I hadn't the heart for it. I wrote to my daughter, but she never got the letters. I know, because I've seen her since she grew up and her father died. When we finally met we were strangers."

Furry but dangerous



The destruction grey squirrels have caused to trees in East Anglia during the cold spring is nothing to their lethal potential in the southern United States, where their fleas have become the vector for the Black Death. It is reported that the number of cases in Arizona, Colorado, Texas and New Mexico, has doubled to 40 in the past year.

The Black Death, or plague, endemic in parts of the Far East, Central Africa and South America, is rare in the United States. It is caused by a gram-negative bacillus, Pasteurella pestis, usually transmitted by rat fleas.

The disease occurs in three types. Bubonic plague presents with enlarged lymph glands in the groin or neck, buboes, from which it takes its name. These are only local signs of a severe systemic disease, for even with modern streptomycin treatment death occurs in 60 per cent of cases within three to five days.

The Black Death which decimated medieval Europe was probably pneumonic plague, so-called because as the lungs were destroyed breathlessness turned the patient's complexion inky blue. Untreated patients die within 48 hours.

Finally, there is an ever more rapidly spreading form, septicaemic plague: the this type the disease spreads with fatal results before local symptoms have time to show.

Undoing vasectomy



Mrs Patricia Thake, of Bidborough, Kent conceived a baby three years after her husband, Donald, had a vasectomy. This month they were awarded £10,000 damages because, the judge said, the surgeon should have warned them that there was a very remote possibility that a canal could form through the scar tissue between the cut ends of the vas deferens.

Mr Thake's experience must be extraordinarily rare. Vasectomy is an exceptionally reliable form of contraception, although post-operative microscopic tests to confirm success are needed. A far more common problem is that men who have had a vasectomy want it reversed. A recent article in The Lancet suggested that one per cent of the annual total of 80,000 men who have the operation regret it. A report in this week's Medical Journal of Australia by Sydney microsurgeons, Mr Earl Owen and Mr Hari Kapila, gives hope that in many cases modern surgery may make reversal possible.

Vasectomy, although only popular in the last 20 years, was first used as a means of contraception just before the turn of the century. No sooner was it introduced than some people wanted the surgeon's handiwork undone. As early as 1902 the first paper appeared on the possibility of reversing the operation.

Among surgeons who specialise in reversal operation there has long been an argument about the advantages of microsurgery compared to traditional surgical techniques. The Sydney surgeons' results will hearten the advocates of microsurgery. Ninety per cent of their 475 patients produced live sperm soon after the operation; 82 per cent of their wives had become pregnant within two years.

The surgeons report that success was in part dependant on the technique used in the initial operation and the time which had lapsed since it was done; an interval of under 10 years was advantageous.

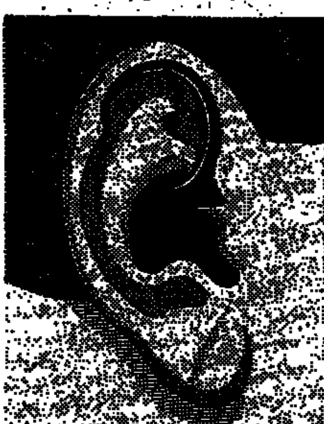
The Family Planning Association told The Times that although it welcomed advances in reversal techniques it felt that every man who opted for vasectomy should consider it irreversible, as only by reasoning in this way could the possibility of crippling disappointment be avoided.

BEST MEDICAL TV PROGRAMME

Pearl Assurance are sponsoring the Medical Journalists Association award for the best medical television programme transmitted in 1982/83. The winning entry will receive the Pearl Assurance/MJA Trophy and £1,000. For full details and entry form, to be returned by 31st May 1984, contact: [illegible] General Manager (Field Operations) The Pearl Assurance/MJA Trophy, Pearl Assurance PLC, High Holborn, London WC1 7EB.

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Ears alert



History does not record whether the Emperor Hadrian enjoyed a cholesterol-rich diet but it is known that he had a competitive, striving, type 'A' personality and, exercised or not by his long marches, he developed coronary heart disease.

Physicians examining his statue would not be surprised, for his ear lobes have the telltale diagonal crease. This crease is often seen in babies, but disappears in childhood, returning after the age of 50. A letter from Dr Frank Sanders to the *New England Journal of Medicine* in 1973 first highlighted this diagnostic sign. A large survey from Copenhagen published in the same journal in 1975 suggested an even closer correlation between heart disease and the crease than with diabetes or hypertension. In the Capenhagen study coronary heart disease was approximately twice as common in patients aged between 50 and 70 with a crease than in those without.

Dr William Elliott, from St Louis, Missouri, has recently reported in The American Journal of Medicine on a review of the world literature. This confirmed his own study of 1,000 unselected patients. He found that 275 of the 373 patients with a crease had marked disease, but only 101 of 627 whose ears were uncreased.

In his review of the literature he found ear lobe creases rare under the age of 40; but when present they strongly suggested serious coronary disease. About 50 per cent of his own patients between 50 and 70 had creases.

The acid test



The introduction in 1976 of cimetidine (Tagamet), the first of the H2 antagonists, drugs that suppress the production of gastric acidity, revolutionized the treatment of indigestion whether due to oesophagitis, gastric or duodenal inflammation or ulceration: most dyspeptic patients found that the nocturnal raids on the refrigerator for soothing milk, or the bathroom cupboard for alkaline medicine, became a memory. It soon became equally apparent that although initial healing and relief of symptoms was usual, a large proportion of patients relapsed within a year of discontinuing treatment and had to resort again to tablets.

In 1981 a rival firm introduced a different H2 antagonist, ratitidine (Zantac). Since then a battle as fierce as that between lawn-mower manufacturers has been waged in the columns of the medical press for £37 million prize money, the value of the peptic ulcer market in the United Kingdom alone, and a worldwide market many times this. Until this month neither side was able to show a clear advantage: numerous international trials, whether for short term treatment, long term maintenance, or relapse rate, returned virtually identical results. Costs are similar. On March 9 a meeting organized by ranitidine manufacturers reported a survey involving 575 patients in Britain and the US, which showed that patients taking their product had a relapse rate only half that of cimetidine-takers.

The manufacturers of cimetidine were as astonished as the rest of the medical world, and suggested that as this was only one trial amongst many its results might be chance. They await the publication of the trial details before drawing firm conclusions, but have now counter-attacked by drawing attention to a letter in *The Lancet* which reports on a trial involving 119 ulcer patients taking cimetidine. It showed that a single dose of 800mgs of cimetidine taken at night when hyper-acidity is at its greatest was more effective than 400mgs taken night and morning; the ulcer healed in 87 per cent of the patients on this new regime, as opposed to 73 per cent in the old.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

THE TIMES DIARY

Mistaken identity

When I arrived for dinner with Glasgow's gangland killer Jimmy Boyle at the chi-chi L'Escargot in Soho, the waiter told me: "Mr Biggs is in the bar." "Mr Biggs?" "Yes," said the waiter conspiratorially. "It is Mr Ronald Biggs, isn't it?"

"Seen one, seen them all," said Boyle, in town to launch *Pain of Confinement*, a collection of diaries written during the last nine years of his murder sentence. "Sounds as if it should be on the maternity shelf" – a timely remark since his wife Sarah had a daughter last week, an event at which the hard man fainted. Boyle has now taken on a new persona as a "surrogate mother", having set up a centre in Edinburgh for heroin addicts and deprived youngsters with Sarah, daughter of former film censor John Trevelyan. Boyle converted the building from a publishing house, in which he found piles of seamy books. He unearthed one letter requesting saucy material from a P. Sutcliffe. He laughed. After dinner, Boyle left alone into the night. His publishing editor from Canongate turned to me, and with genuine concern said: "Do you think he'll be alright?"

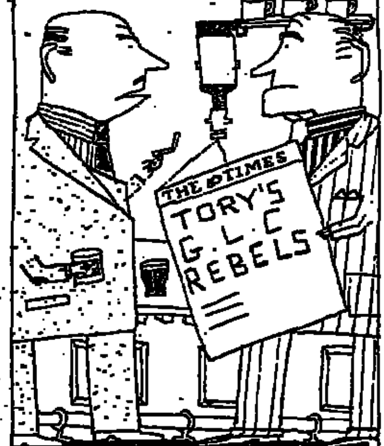
Look and yearn

Only an hour after suffering the ignominy of being upstaged and contradicted in the House by Edward Heath, the Environment Secretary, Patrick Jenkin, was to be found in the Tower of London addressing its new trustees – and wistfully eyeing the most formidable suit of armour he could find.

Cut deferred

Sir Roy Strong, director of the V & A, hopes to take an axe to the two dozen cherry trees gracing the museum's courtyard. When planted 35 years ago, the trees were intended to hide the museum's Victorian architecture, then an embarrassment but now, post-Betjeman, highly regarded and deserving a better view. Sir Roy wants to fell the lot; all he needs is the money. Meanwhile lunchtime sandwich eaters notice a Chekhovian air, the doomed beauty of the cherry blossom under the shadow of an inevitable revolution of taste.

BARRY FANTONI



"I don't know about Livingstone. It's certainly an achievement to raise public support for Ted Heath"

Deus ex machina

The Italians should brace themselves for the arrival of the Lincoln players who leave for Rome next Thursday to perform the Cycle of Mystery Plays during Holy Week. On a European tour last year, rehearsing The Crucifixion, Jesus was stranded on the cross after a bolt jammed, leaving the blood, concocted by a Lincoln chemist, dripping from a great height. They thought it would be alright on the night. It wasn't. When God should have made his entrance, to the crack of lightning, he was not to be seen. Three minutes later he was located: locked in the lavatory.

● **The name plate identifying Freud's house in Vienna has been replaced. The new owner is called Kafka.**

Private lives

The first issue of *The Royal Magazine* was launched yesterday with a pledge to respect the monarchy's privacy but then discloses how they let their "royal hair down". Princess Anne's secret craving, it says, is to ape Mrs Mopp. "Her favourite ploy at family parties is to dress up as a charlady and go around dusting chairs and tables." We are also treated to a canine Burke's Peerage, complete with an illustrated corgi family tree. The Queen's eight corgis are all descended from Susan (b. 1944 d. 1959). Shadow, Myth, Fable, Smoky, Spark and Diamond are all "true blue". Piper and Chipper are "dorgis" – "the result of Her Majesty mating two of her corgis with Princess Margaret's miniature longhaired dachshund Pipkin." The Queen "happily defleas them when necessary."

Under observation

Rag week medical students at Charing Cross Hospital seem to have ignored the lesson of the last Guy's Hospital students' rag mag whose editors were threatened with prosecution because of its racist and sexist jokes. Harriet Harman, MP, acting for other outraged parties, submitted the mag to the DPP. Yesterday ASTMS unionists at Charing Cross Hospital protested at similar material in their students' rag mag. (Example: What's the difference between seduction and rape? – Patience).

PHS

Edward Mortimer reports on new disclosures about the US-Israeli connexion









Eisenhower: forced Israel to back down over diverting the Jordan. Johnson: an attempted cover-up over Israel's attack on the Liberty

A one-way special relationship

One of the more undignified aspects of American election years is the competition invariably staged, before a bemused world audience, to see who can make the most absurd and extravagant promises of support for Israel. The most telling argument, it seems, that any candidate can produce is to suggest that his or her opponent's commitment to Israel is less than 100 per cent.

In New York in 1980 I even heard a candidate in the senatorial primary, Bess Myerson, attack her liberal rival, Elizabeth Holtzmann, on the grounds that by seeking to curb overall US defence expenditure she was harming Israel, since "if we don't develop the weapons we won't have them to give to Israel". It was quite clear that anyone who suggested a limit to the amount of aid to Israel, or who urged that in return Israel be asked to take greater account of US views, would be committing instant political suicide.

One American who clearly has no political ambitions is Stephen Green, whose book *Taking Sides: American Secret Relations with a Militant Israel* is published next week by Faber and Faber. Approaching his subject from the position which apparently no American politician can afford to take – that of a disinterested citizen – he has used the Freedom of Information Act to try and find out how and why the US came to be so heavily committed to one side in an overseas conflict, and what it has got in return. His findings include the following:

● In 1948-9 US intelligence reported large-scale Israeli arms imports from communist Czechoslovakia, as well as illegal recruiting of serving US armed forces personnel into the Israeli armed forces. These acts were regarded by US diplomats as thwarting American attempts to preserve the UN-imposed ceasefire and restrain Israel from taking more territory.

● The senior US military attaché in Israel in 1949 described the Israelis as "anxious to obtain a great deal in the way of American training and equipment, but . . . willing to give nothing in return".

● In the early and middle 1960s, an American company working for the US Atomic Energy Commission was, almost certainly, illegally diverting enriched uranium to Israel which was using it to develop nuclear weapons. This was facilitated by the AEC itself.

● In 1967 the Johnson administration was much more heavily involved on Israel's side in the Six Day War than has hitherto been known. In particular, it secretly lent US planes and air force personnel to Israel for reconnaissance. But when Israel attacked the US spy ship Liberty, killing 34 American servicemen, Johnson accepted the official Israeli apology for the "mistake" – which was certainly disingenuous – and did all possible to prevent the full facts becoming known.

Green admits his book is "not a history of US-Israeli relations" but "a collection of historical vignettes that have been . . . carefully selected". But he says "much of what has been written on Israel in the West has been no less selective". He argues fairly consistently that Israel did not, in the period between 1948 and 1967, behave like an ally of the United States.

It is less clear what exactly he wants to say about American policy. US administrations generally are portrayed as being too soft on Israel, but he makes a partial exception for *President Eisenhower*.

Ike gets high marks for his firm reaction in 1953 to Israel's attempt to divert the Jordan in defiance of a US-sponsored scheme to share the *water equitably between Israel and* the Arab states.

What is unthinkable now actually happened then: aid to Israel was suspended, and Eisenhower instructed the Treasury Department to remove the tax-deductible status of contributions made to the United Jewish Appeal and to other Zionist organizations. He then rode out the inevitable storm and six weeks later Israel backed down.

On the other hand, Green faults the Eisenhower administration for failing even to notice, let alone exploit, the more moderate Israeli approach to the conflict during the prime ministership of Moshe Sharett in 1954, when Nasser too was interested in peace with Israel.

He also blames it for taking no action to head off the Suez War in 1956, arguing that it was luck rather than good management which enabled Eisenhower and Dulles to emerge from that affair with their "reputation in foreign affairs actually enhanced".

It was Johnson, in Green's view, who finally tipped the US wholesale into the Israeli camp. Certainly it is true that Johnson inaugurated the tradition of large-scale US arms supplies to Israel, and that this has made it harder for the US to pose to the Arabs as a benevolent neutral.

On the other hand it could be argued that this has given the US *greater leverage over Israeli policy* in the period since 1967, and that creative use was made of this particularly by Kissinger after 1973 and by Carter at Camp David. It is true, however, that the Reagan administration seems now to have *given up any attempt to use it*: and has virtually resigned itself to losing all credibility in the Arab world.

Green's book will not conclude the argument about US Middle East policy. But if he succeeds in starting an argument among the American public about what the US should expect from Israel in return for its support, he will have done a valuable service to his country and to the Middle East, including Israel.

Bernard Levin: the way we live now

No, Jesus will survive even jesting Jeremy

It is not generally known – indeed, he is probably unaware of it himself – that the birthday of Mr Jeremy Isaacs, the head of Channel 4, falls on the Feast Day of St Eustochium, who inspired St Jerome's *Concerning the Keeping of Virginity* (she was much given to the practice). The significance of this apparently unremarkable coincidence may not be readily apparent, but when I disclose that she died of shock after the community of maidens and widows which she directed was pillaged and burnt by a mob the parallel will, I am sure, strike Mr Isaacs at least as being almost uncomfortably clear.

Any day now a mob is likely to *storm down Charlotte Street and* sack the premises of the television service over which he presides with such controversial distinction; if so, the immediate cause of their fury will be Channel 4's series of three programmes about Christ under the title of *Jesus: The Evidence*. The first of these was transmitted last Sunday, but long before it was shown the blood and bones of Mr Isaacs were being demanded with ever-increasing stridency; those who follow such things will hardly need *me to tell them that the most* strident of the demanders had not seen the programmes and showed all the *stigmata* of men implacably determined not to do so.

The holy ire was provoked by rumours (themselves inspired by the programme's makers) that the programmes would subject the Gospel accounts to the most rigorous scholarly examination, of the kind applicable to any historical event; the implication was that such an approach would end by demonstrating that there was probably no such figure as Christ (sorry about that, Jesus), but at the most an itinerant street-corner speaker without any special qualities, powers or *family antecedents, deplorably* lacking in sympathy for the World Council of Churches and quite unfit to be interviewed on television by Mr Melvyn Bragg. It was also hinted *that the series would touch upon the* possibility that Christ was a homosexual, which would suggest that those who devised the programmes suffered from a serious lack of imagination, for ordinary homosexuals are today ten a penny: had they insisted that Jesus was a Single-Parent Black Lesbian Against the Bomb they would almost certainly have been eligible for a grant from the GLC.

I watched the first episode, and I have to say that I came to the conclusion that Mr Isaacs should certainly be burned, not at all because of heresy, blasphemy or *scandalum magnatum*, but because of the almost unbelievable awfulness of the programme *as television*. There was no known cliché, verbal or visual, that was omitted; my favourite was the reference to the nineteenth century biblical scholar David Strauss, who was dismissed from his teaching post for his writings. As the sepulchral tones of the presenter said "dismissed", there was a thump, and a stamp fell diagonally across the screen, exactly like "Con gain from Lab" on election night, reading DISMISSED: so help me, they did it again 10 minutes *later, when we were told of* two Catholic scholars who were excommunicated because of their arguments: another thump, and up comes ("Lib hold") EXCOMMUNICATED.

The "historical reconstructions" were wonderfully, memorably, funny. Luther, for instance, is seen nailing his theses to the church door. Bang, bang, bang, and he turns away and strides purposefully into the camera; behind him, a monk puts his head out, presumably expecting *the laundry, and is puzzled to find* nothing but a petition against rate-capping. The problem of Albert Schweitzer and Rudolf Bultmann, which was that they were foreigners *and might therefore be expected* to talk foreign, was solved in the traditional way; they talked English, but with "ve hav vays of making bloddy dretful programmes" accents, though those were nothing to the two comic Egyptians who found the Oxyrhyncus papyri in a cave and jabbered over them with so uncannily lifelike an impersonation of the late Peter Sellers playing two comic Egyptians that millions of viewers must have been instantly converted to a belief in the Resurrection if nothing else.

I take it, however, that the makers of the programme (London Weekend) did not intend it to be judged as a contribution to the art of television. Presumably, they intended a serious investigation of who and what (if anyone or anything) Christ was, based on the available historical evidence tested by the methods that would be used by anyone seeking the identity and character of, say, Homer or Tamburlaine. And at this point I must insist that Mr Isaacs should be snatched from the stake just as the fire is being kindled: the fright will be quite enough to punish him for the television, and he deserves no punishment at all for the theology, though as a matter of fact it was as clumsy and insubstantial as the television itself.

I had better make my usual *disclaimer before continuing: I am* not a Christian, and I realise that I meddle with Christian matters at my peril. All the same, I don't suppose anyone, of any denomination or none, could have watched the programme without reflecting on the nature and witness of the central figure, and such reflections on my part lead first of all to the conclusion that those Christians who protested in advance about the very making of the television series, let alone its content, must have a very pessi*mistic notion of the strength of the* case for the defence.

Let us suppose that, sooner or later, incontrovertible evidence should turn up which proves the most disintegrative thesis about the historical Jesus, so that Christians can no longer support the case for a miracle-worker, a Redeemer or a Son of God. What would Christianity have lost, and what would it retain? To answer those questions, answer another: how has Christianity, with its human-divine centre, survived for 20 centuries, despite persecution, deviation, institutionalization, fragmentation and even the New English Bible? The answer, surely, is that Christianity has seized upon a massive truth about man and his relations with the universe, which truth, though it is crystallized around and symbolized by the particular figure whose name it bears, is yet ultimately independent thereof.

Come; let us be particular. Convince Beethoven that Christ was not the Messiah, that indeed there is and will be no Messiah. Then put the manuscript score of the *Missa Solemnis* into his hands, telling him *that he will now no doubt* want to tear it up, starting with the *Et resurrexit*. When he has stopped laughing and sent you about your business, do not be disheartened: try the same technique on Mathias Grünewald, standing in front of the Issenheim Altar at Colmar. If there was no Christ, it follows that St Antony could not have been sustained by the Christian faith in his hour of trial: will not the artist therefore wish to paint out the figures in the picture as it is now, *and replace them by, say, a group* portrait of the Executive Committee of the National Secular Society? I think his answer would be much the same as Beethoven's.

We do not have to think of Thomas More, going to the scaffold for disapproving of divorce, of all things *(nous avons changé tout cela)* for I, at any rate, can think of that merry Christian gentleman Father Corbishley, with whom I used to find myself, from time to time, on television and radio programmes, or *that other merry fellow Lord Soper* (who once rather pertinently observed that before regarding all men as his brothers he would rather like to be sure that they all had the same Father), or that fiery man Donald Reeves, struggling day and night to make his fashionable church (St James Piccadilly) unfashionable, or Archbishop Joost de Blank, or Alexander Solzhenitsyn, or that Rock of Ages Dr Beyers Naude; devilish difficult it would be to convince any of these that the Christ of the Gospels was part human, part mythological and part mushroom, but I cannot see any of them, should they in the end be convinced of it, transferring their allegiance to M'Shimba-M'Shamba.

Once upon a time, the makers of such television programmes would have been DISMISSED or EXCOMMUNICATED, or WORSE. It is good that that no longer happens, and it is certainly not bad that the programmes should be made and shown. And I think that Christ will somehow survive them and the people who protest at them alike. For two millennia that figure has inspired adoration, worship, wonder, holiness, purity, resistance to evil, solace, courage, sacrifice, art and love. However many comic Egyptians find however many ancient manuscripts in however many caves, I think Christians can count on at least another two millennia of the same inspiration.

Penitent Nixon on a TV comeback trail

New York
Almost 10 years after he resigned the presidency, Richard Nixon is appearing on television this week recounting his life and times as part of his campaign to rehabilitate himself. It is a curious spectacle, and millions of Americans are engrossed in it.

At 71 Nixon is rather more jowly than when he left the White House for the last time, his wife saying "It's so sad, it's so sad". Otherwise he has not changed much physically, and in other respects seems to be the same old Nixon.

He sits in a leather armchair and, prompted by a friendly interviewer – Frank Gannon, one of his former aides – ranges over Watergate, his acrimonious relationship with the press, his meetings with foreign leaders, the nature of his marriage.

He relates little that is new and it is possible that the interviews will do little more than confirm admirers and haters in their opinions.

Nixon's objective is to have himself and his record reconsidered. He is saying that there is more to Richard Nixon *than Watergate*, corruption and plot. But it is not only posterity that he has in mind. He still hopes there may be some sort of role for him, that his experience in the presidency, and as a practitioner of foreign policy at the highest level, may be thought of value, that he may yet serve.

Apart from the television interviews, the strategy includes more public speaking, writing and appearances.

CBS News paid £357,000 for three half-hour videotape segments distilled from 38 hours of conversation. Nixon gets an undisclosed share of the fee.

Newspapers have attacked CBS for "chequebook journalism" and because Nixon is not subjected to the stringent questioning more usual in news programmes. But CBS retorts that the papers are hypocritical and that Nixon is good TV.

Clearly the spectacle of the only American president ever forced to resign explaining himself on prime-time *television* is of considerable interest. He talks of Watergate – "illegal, wrong and very stupid" – and of the cover-up – "stupidity at its very highest". Asked if he would *apologize for Watergate, he says*: "There is no way you could apologize that is more eloquent, more decisive, or to say you are sorry, which would exceed resigning the presidency. That said it all."

He says his obsession with secrecy was "paranoiac"; that he was "almost a basket-case with regard to secrecy . . . (as was) Kissinger."

Nixon denies that his has been a loveless marriage, kept up only for political and social appearances. He is scornful of "people slobbering 'I love her'," and says that he and Mrs Nixon have *never* been "*public* kissers."

He says newspapermen called his wife "Plastic Pat" simply because she was his wife. "If she had been *the wife of a liberal, my God, they* would have canonized her."

His resentment of the press is barely beneath the surface, and he says *his fights with it* were legendary. He adds that he did not mind journalists examining him with a microscope, "but when they use a protoscope (a device for *examination via the anus*) that's going too far."

The interviews provide Nixon with a comfortable and informal means of filling out some of the details of his presidency and downfall, of putting his side of things, and of swiping at his critics.

It may be the fault of those who extracted a mere 90 minutes from 38 hours of conversation, but there is a lack of substance, no real insight into the processes of power, of great issues and events. In any case, the stain of Watergate is always there.

There is a certain grubbiness, too, like the tittle-tattle about Brezhnev's "full-bosomed Russian masseuse". Such stories from other lips might emerge as amiable gossip; from Nixon's *they are close to sniggers*.

Trevor Fishlock

David Watt

Putting a gloss on the tarnish

Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick, the American Ambassador to the United Nations, is a lady of formidable personality and an unexpected, dotty kind of charm – a sort of right-wing cross, not much softened by the amalgamation, between Eleanor Roosevelt and Katharine Hepburn. *Listening to her apologia* for the foreign policy of the Reagan Administration at Chatham House this week, I could see why she has survived in the jungle of Washington *and indeed why she has seen off* a number of powerful opponents, including Alexander Haig, the former Secretary of State.

Her basic argument this week was simple. She *complained* that a fundamental error was abroad, that people did not recognize the moral superiority of the United States over the Soviet Union but put them on the same footing. This, she said, was a monstrous calumny. American society was free and democratic; the Soviet Union was closed and tyrannical. The United States was bringing liberation to oppressed or potentially oppressed peoples; the Soviet Union was trying to impose a permanent slavery upon them.

It was the blindness of the allies to these truths that caused so much annoyance to Americans. She emphasized that there was no intention to withdraw troops from Europe, but there was a rising tide of discussion about the basic assumptions of the alliance, and who could tell where it would all end?

This delicate threat aside, what are we to make of the whole moral argument? If it were true, of course, it would certainly be the end of the alliance sooner or later. The Europeans, as a hundred thousand cliché-ridden speeches in the past 40 years have pointed out, are supposed to share with the United States a belief in democracy and a dislike of the prospect of living under a totalitarian regime; and if that were not so, there is no reason why Europeans should not go over to the stronger or the geographically closer alternative.

But manifestly this is not the problem. Apart from a tiny minority, the European consensus on these fundamentals remains as solid as ever, among the young even more than the middle-aged or old. I have met no more than a handful of people in my life who have honestly said they would rather live in Russia than America.

The difficulty is not, therefore, about ends but about means. The basic charge which is brought against the United States by the people whom Mrs Kirkpatrick is inveighing against is not, as she alleges, that American and Soviet aims and societies are on the same level. It is precisely that America pollutes its own ideals and intentions by adopting methods of promoting them that are often more *or less indistinguishable* from those which its totalitarian opponent uses to spread its own degraded values. The United States under present management, they say, is prepared to support governments that are quite as oppressive as those of Eastern Europe; to invade Grenada or subvert Nicaragua with as little respect for legality as the Russians have shown in Afghanistan; and to take as many nuclear risks with the future of humanity as the generals in the Kremlin.

The Kirkpatrick defence partially recognizes the force of these criticisms by shifting, at this point in the argument, on to the critics' ground. She insists on the distinction between the way the United States goes about its task and the way the Russians export communism. For instance, the Russians are still in Afghanistan while the Americans are out of Grenada. The United States, unlike the Soviet Union, gives aid to Third World countries which do not agree with American policies, and has promoted genuine democratic elections in El Salvador, and so forth.

All true enough, up to a point, but in most cases it is hopelessly unconvincing *as a moral argument*. From a purely moral point of view it must be wrong to back the *Guatemala regime. The* mining of Nicaraguan waters cannot seriously be defended in international law. The "invitation" to invade Granada



Jeane Kirkpatrick: on to a hopeless loser

was, if we are honest about it, a fig-leaf. Even the ethics of nuclear deterrence are, as the Church of England has discovered, extremely complicated.

In short, when Mrs Kirkpatrick claims a satisfactory moral basis for *all American actions she is on to* a hopeless loser. The only possible defence for some of them must be on a quite different line: "Yes, it *is* wrong, but it is necessary". Simply, "*the end justifies the means*".

This is not such a bad argument, after all. The actions of the Reagan administration in Central America that are the present focus of condemnation represent its frantic struggle to escape from an intolerably difficult situation in which all the options have some morally *objectionable* aspects. At its worst it could mean an influx of many millions of Mexicans into the southern United States.

Some sympathetic understanding of this is called for. *All governments* are obliged from time to time to appeal to the dictum that the safety of the country is the supreme law, and to accept Horace Walpole's observation: "No great country was ever saved by good men, because good men will not go to the lengths that may be necessary."

The trouble is that it is characteristic of Americans that they are not prepared to abandon hypocrisy and embrace this argument. The whole rhetoric of the republic since its foundation has been against *realpolitik*. The United States must be pure in deed as well as in intention.

But nor is it as prepared these days as it used to be to bring its policies into line with its stated aspirations.

This, as I say, is understandable. But it is a dangerous position to be *in for any length of time*, for it anaesthetizes its authors to the undesirability in principle of compromising their morals. I cannot believe that Mrs Kirkpatrick really thinks that everything *the United* States does is above board, but it is clear that having said so for so long she is half way to convincing herself.

Philip Howard

Dear whomever it may be

Thank heavens for our correspondents, bless their little cotton socks. *(In parenthesis, I puzzle about the* origin of those cotton socks. The sage Partridge classifies them as a middle-class catch-phrase, in full, "Bless your little heart and cotton socks", and observes that the phrase is always benevolent, but never exceeds affection. But whence the socks, and wherefore? I think we should be told. End of parenthesis.)

As we were saying, before we were rudely interrupted by an interpolation, thank heavens for our correspondents. Their letters constitute the best page in *The Times*, and they write them without payment. "No man but a blockhead ever wrote, except for money" – Samuel. Answering letters takes up to three hours of the Literary Editor's day, when he could otherwise be occupied in such lesser activities as reading and writing. "I have received no more than one or two letters in my life that were worth the postage" – Thoreau.

Let us not whinge. I have met good friends, been given good ideas for articles, and received entertainment, instruction and correction through the post. If you are daft enough to write an occasional series called *New Words for Old* in the public prints, every time you commit a solecism or a misprint, as will happen to the best regulated hacks, you must expect a bag of mail gloating: "Yah, booh: Physician, heal thyself." I never see myself as a physician, more a reporter of language.

But of all the vexations that are vexed in this vexing world – though the vexation of loonies who telephone on Wednesday mornings to ascertain the title of a book, of which they have forgotten the author and publisher, but they are sure it was *about spies, and it was* reviewed in *The Times*, or maybe it was the *Telegraph*, some time in the past nine months, may be the worst – the vexation of the *illegible signature is the most tormenting*.

I have no problem with heavily underlined letters in green ink informing me about God or the authorship of Shakespeare. We have a file for such things. But there is a regular problem with sensible letters that deserve an answer, but carry a signature at the end that gives no clue to the correspondent's name, or even gender. I have dropped terrible bricks in my time, by addressing formidable and distinguished old *ladies as "Mr Squiggle"*. I have tried cutting out the autograph and pasting it after the "Dear . . ." at the top of the letter; then addressing the envelope to "The Occupier". It *is usually safest to take refuge* in a diplomatic lie: "Dear Sir, or Madam, I am terribly sorry to be so ambiguous about your gender, but I have lost my contact lenses, and am having trouble deciphering even such striking handwriting as yours . . ."

After several years dealing with this nuisance, I put forward the following cacographic axioms:

1. The worse the hand, the grander the writer. If you get a hand that looks as though it were written with a foot, you can be pretty sure that its owner sits in the House of Lords. Thomas Heywood, the domestic dramatist, noticed this phenomenon four centuries ago: "It hath been held that it is the part of a gentleman to write a scurvy hand."
2. The chirographic identification of gender by handwriting – small, round, regularly formed equals woman; angular, sloping, pointed equals man – is as much bunkum as phrenology or economics.
3. It is impossible to offend an Englishman, or maybe an Englishwoman, more than by misreading *her, or is it his, handwriting*. Those with the worst handwriting are the most offended.

TIMES PAST THE TIMES

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CRACKS IN THE PAVING

Wednesday's broadside against the Government front bench was the most effective Mr Heath has yet delivered from his position of prime minister-in-exile below the gangway. The issue was the transitional arrangements the Government proposes for London and the metropolitan counties preparatory to the abolition of the upper-tier authorities planned for the spring of 1986. The ground is narrow, but the Government's chosen dispositions render it exceedingly vulnerable. They are also symptomatic of the way it grapples with local government reform, which is to legislate in haste cutting out the usual preamble of the taking of evidence, independent and public evaluation, and modification in the light of discussion. This let's-get-on-with-it approach suits the Thatcher style; but when addressed to elected public corporations it smacks of high-handedness and looks like ill-prepared improvisation.

The debate on the paving legislation was noisy but it made some things clear. One is that there is good precedent for cancelling elections to local authorities that are doomed to extinction within a year of the election having been due to take place. So it was when London government was reformed in 1963 and local government elsewhere in England and Wales in 1972. Rhetoric about the death of democracy aimed in that direction falls wide of the mark.

Equally, there is no precedent for the substitution of a nominated council for an elected council during the transitional months, as the Bill proposes. *A fortiori* there is no precedent for effecting a change of political control by that means. That was the point Mr Heath rightly seized on. "Worst of all is the imposition by parliamentary diktat of a change of responsible party in London government. There cannot be any justification for that." The right course was to extend the life of the expiring councils for eleven months. Ministers had played it in such a way as to achieve the impossible, the mobilization of the majority of public opinion in London behind Mr Kenneth Livingstone.

Mr Jenkin and Mr Waldegrave replied that there was no precedent for their proposal because there was no precedent for the situation their proposal was tailored to fit. For the first time in a scheme of local government reform, there are already in existence the authorities to which the functions of the doomed authorities will be transferred. Therefore ministers had a choice of filling in with the present councils or filling in with nominees from the successor councils. They made the wrong choice because they fear, with some reason, obstruction if not frustration of the transfer by the councillors who are being unhorsed. It is the wrong choice because a change of party control of an elected body by fiat is more to be avoided than the inconvenience or odium of assuming whatever temporary powers are thought necessary to make obstruction nugatory.

The committee stage of the Bill is to be taken on the floor of the House. Many would be pleased to see a tactical alliance formed there strong enough to oblige the Government to accept amendment of the Bill, to extend for eleven months the life of the present councils rather than supplant them with nominees.

Mr Jenkin speaks of chaos and confusion if matters are left in their hands for that extra few months. Perhaps he exaggerates the scope for mischief. His own Bill places special restraints and requirements on the transitional councils. Rate capping will be in place. The sense of responsibility of chief officers can be relied on. The audit commission can be alerted to a situation where "reasonableness" of expenditure will take on a new meaning from the imminence of the council's demise. But if Mr Jenkin still does not feel safe he can ask Parliament to add to his Bill a temporary requirement that such powers as borrowing for current purposes and disposal of assets be used only with the consent of the Secretary of State; and that these councils' blatant political advertising to save their skin ceases as soon as their mandated life expires in May of next year, if the audit has not by then struck it down as illegal.

TIME TO CLOSE THE OMAN FILE

Responsible leaders of the Labour Party are quite sure, and privately admit, that Mrs Thatcher's hands are absolutely clean in the matter of the Oman contract. Yet the front bench has remained silent as some of its backbenchers have pursued their campaign to suggest that the Prime Minister has somehow behaved inappropriately in the matter. The Shadow Cabinet wash their hands of it, apparently on the grounds that this sort of thing is an inevitable manifestation of politics, reassuring themselves with the thought that they would suffer the same treatment from the Tories if there were any chance of their being embarrassed in some similar way.

Indeed, at an earlier stage, Mr Peter Shore, Labour's spokesman on Trade and Industry, had the full support of his colleagues when he was bombarding the Prime Minister with a barrage of "have-you-stopped-beating-your-wife" questions and insinuations in a series of letters earlier this year, which went well beyond the legitimate attempt he was making to seek information. It has been plain throughout that if there is any political capital to be made from this episode, the Labour leadership is happy to accept it.

It is clear with hindsight, and perhaps should have been clear to Mrs Thatcher with foresight, that when her son, Mr Mark Thatcher, arrived in Oman at the same time as she did in 1981 it would probably have been sensible for her to suggest that he should leave. Since he was a consultant to Cementation, which succeeded in getting a major contract from the Oman government, it would have been better for everyone else had he not been in Oman when the Prime Minister was quite properly encouraging the Oman government to buy British.

Of course, since Mr Thatcher was a free agent who was entitled to pursue his work as he chose there was no way of ensuring his departure if he had chosen not to go. Still, it is important that public figures should not, if they can help it, allow themselves to be put in a position in which an interaction of public and private interests can be suspected or (as in this case) exploited. Given that Mr Thatcher had been present in Oman at the same time as his mother then, when the matter became one of public controversy this year, the Prime Minister would have been better advised to have made a simple statement at once explaining the facts and giving an assurance that there had been no kind of impropriety.

It is easy to understand why she chose instead to confine herself initially to the statement that she was simply batting for Britain (though she has since amplified this). She rightly did not wish to seem to be assuming responsibility for her son's business life, beside which any explanation she gave could have been used as an excuse for further pressure. Still, Labour leaders argue that such a statement would have closed the matter, and perhaps it would.

The House of Commons Select Committee on Members' Interests has now twice rejected complaints that Mrs Thatcher should have declared her interest in the Cementation contract. It has made quite clear that MPs are not required to register the interests of spouses or members of their families, but only their own. With the publication of the Select Committee's second rejection yesterday, the complaining Labour Member, Mr Dale Campbell-Savours succeeded in having published, under privilege, his own case setting out fifteen "facts" and arguing that "common sense calls" for certain "inescapable and irresistable inferences to be drawn from them." The facts are essentially those which have already had publication in one form or another; his inferences include the statement that "the Prime Minister was consciously and deliberately advancing her son's interests," as well as those of Britain and Cementation. That is not the opinion of the majority of the Committee, and it seems not to be that of the Labour front-bench. Having had his say, therefore, Mr Campbell-Savours should rest content with it.

If there are black marks against Mr Mark Thatcher for not being more considerate and thoughtful in relation to his mother and against Mrs Thatcher for not being politically sensitive enough at the outset in handling this matter in parliament, the blackest mark is to the Labour MPs who persisted in trying to make political capital out of it. Mr Kinnock would be wise to advise them that in everyone's interest it is time for the Oman file to be closed and for what has increasingly looked like a vendetta to be ended.

SHORT, SHARP POLICY SHOCK

Mr Brittan's debut as Home Secretary during the debate on capital punishment last year gave the game away. A hard man he may have been as Chief Secretary to the Treasury, dry he may be in Cabinet debates but on matters of penal policy and criminal justice, he is, like most of his predecessors in office, a dogged empiricist. After nine months at the Home Office he emerges as a man of liberal mien with an enthusiasm for cost effectiveness. Not for him iconoclasm about traditional penal institutions nor difficult questions of policy (what are prisons for if they do not deter?) nor philosophic radicalism of a kind that might have tempted him to review some of the collectivist, "therapeutic" assumptions behind, say, the Children and Young Persons Act.

"Nakedly retributive" declared the Howard League on behalf of the penal liberals when Mr Brittan appeared at the Conservatives' party conference to announce – at last – determinate sentences for the most serious homicides. But since then the vocabulary has altered: no more retribution; scant reference even to deterrence. The phrases in Queen Anne's Gate are balance, control, making the system work. Indeed that has been Mr Brittan's object. While making scarifying noises about the withdrawal of parole for certain offences the bulk of his decisions have had to do with effective management. His well-won expansion of prison building has been matched by sincere efforts to reduce the use of custody, by means of community service orders and weekend sentences. Meanwhile he and his department have sat back, not unhappily, while the courts and the pressure groups have made the running on changes in the prison regime which seek to codify prisoners' rights, among them rights to legal representation.

The speech he gave on Wednesday to magistrates in Portsmouth was in tenor. For the most part Mr Brittan could have passed for his predecessor; he bewailed delays in bringing cases to trial; dilated upon alternatives to custody; talked (rightly enough) of deprivation of liberty as a last resort. Yet there were also hints of toughness, at least enough to make a casual viewer of the television news the other night think Mr Brittan was on the ball: the "short, sharp shock" regime was apparently to be extended, without waiting for his own internal review of the experiment. An empiricist no longer, it seemed.

Playing to the gallery, if that was what Mr Brittan was doing, does not make for considered or convincing penal policy. To extend the regime like this is to ignore a negative report from the Chief Inspector of Prisons, disillusionment among prison staff (not in itself a reliable guide), and the absence of any evidence about less recidivism among those shocked and sharpened. Mr Brittan apparently set on one side an even more telling point. The figures from magistrates' courts suggest a shift away from detention centre orders towards youth custody – *ci-devant* borstal. That raises the possibility that magistrates are avoiding the brisk and disciplined regimes for some unknown but important set of reasons.

Mr Brittan should be clear. The ethos of the detention centres with the "tougher regime" may be – is – appealing because it satisfies a quite proper public instinct. But that has nothing to do with training capacity or any of the other rehabilitative fantasies entertained by some; this type of regime, whatever its virtues, looks to be no more effective in deterring crime or reducing recidivism than any other. Perhaps instead of gently edging away from the issues raised in the debates of last summer, Mr Brittan might look again. The public needs guidance on penal matters not palliation. Perhaps Mr Brittan should say: the purpose of juvenile custody, for serious offences, is to punish; if it also rehabilitates then that is a bonus. Let that principle guide the length of sentences rather than the nature, real or imagined, of the prison regime.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The greening of derelict land

From Mr David Howell, MP for Guildford (Conservative)

Sir, I am glad that Ferdinand Mount (feature, April 9) has joined the ranks of those in favour of a bit more spending on public works and I do not mind which of the many justifications for more action on this front he uses.

As he says, "the Government – and in particular the Treasury – is profoundly out of step with public opinion" on this issue.

Shouting "Humber Bridge" or "Concorde" really is no argument at all against getting ahead now with the infrastructure spending, the urban transport facilities (particularly in London) and the greening of derelict industrial areas which the Government's finances (and the capital markets) could well withstand and the under-employed construction sector could readily undertake – without extra pressure on either inflation or interest rates.

There is no conflict at all in this with the imperatives of the social market economy. Nor need there be the head-on conflict with rural England which some people – including, I think, Mr Mount – fear.

A tendency persists to underestimate the potential for a vast, and green and pleasant, new city (or set of towns and villages) in the eastern half of London and to overlook the colossal acreage in cities still occupied by railway yards, disused gasworks and the like.

We could end up, if we are clever, with more green land, not less, as well as more homes. But the infrastructure necessary to underpin this prospect should be going into place now.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID HOWELL,
House of Commons.
April 9.

Power struggle in Central America

From Mr Frank Griffith Dawson

Sir, On April 10 *The Times* reported that the US Department of State had explained that rejection of the International Court of Justice's jurisdiction over disputes involving Central America was necessary to prevent Nicaragua from converting the court into "a big propaganda forum". Your April 11 leader apparently accepted this explanation, although you rightly question its wisdom.

As anyone who has ever attended the court can attest, the four sets of lengthy written pleadings which litigants are allowed to present, the court's rules and standards of procedure and the formal, austere environment in which oral pleadings are heard combine to drain even highly contentious issues, such as the introduction of apartheid into South West Africa, of their immediate emotional impact.

Journalists and courtroom spectators find little or no sensational material or "propaganda" to report. Fears of a Perry Mason style judicial circus at The Hague are therefore baseless and one wonders if the US action might not have been dictated instead by apprehensions of an adverse decision.

The apparent lack of confidence by the United States in the court's impartiality contrasts sharply with Nicaragua's traditional attitude. In 1904 a long-standing boundary dispute between Honduras and Nicaragua was submitted to arbitration by Spain's King Alfonso XIII who, two years later, decided that the border between the two nations should coincide with the Rio Coco, the present frontier. Nicaragua at first accepted the award but subsequently claimed it had been improperly rendered and was too confusing to be put into effect.

After several armed clashes in the disputed area, in 1958 the two countries, which had already accepted the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice, formally agreed to submit this specific dispute to its adjudication. Nicaragua at The Hague argued *inter alia* that the arbitral award was void because the king had exceed his jurisdiction and had not given adequate reasons for his decision. The court disagreed and found for Honduras, thereby upholding the validity of the boundaries fixed in 1906.

Successive Nicaraguan governments, including the Sandinistas, have abided by the court's decision even though the court lacks the physical power to enforce its judgment and must rely for compliance upon moral suasion and public opinion.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK GRIFFITH DAWSON,
Wolfson College, Cambridge.
April 12.

From Mr J. W. Woloniecki

Sir, Any approach to foreign policy which necessitates the asking of such questions as "The superpowers – is there a moral difference?" is misconceived. The critical question to be posed in superpower relations is "coexistence or coextermination?" If one feels the need to superimpose a moral equation upon the conduct of foreign policy, it can only be utilitarian: whatever maintains the existing balance of power and discourages nuclear war is good.

No doubt the "Brezhnev-Reagan doctrine" of superpower intervention in their respective spheres of influence violates the United Nations Charter and offends against the principle of sovereign equality of states, but international law must reflect the reality of international relations and I defy anyone to read today the meretricious preamble of the Charter without blushing.

What matters in this game is that each side reacts predictably to perceived threats to its security, any failure to react may be interpreted as a sign of weakness which could encourage the other side to behave in a highly dangerous manner.

Looked at from this point of view, it is quite irrelevant whether United States policy in Central America is motivated by a desire to promote democracy or to protect the interests of United States investors. The only material question is what is the likely response of the Soviet Union.

Yours faithfully,
J. W. WOLONIECKI,
Queens' College, Cambridge.
April 11.

From Mr Graham Greene, CH

Sir, Your report from Washington in *The Times* of April 5 is headed "Four states backing terror, Shultz says." Mr Shultz's arithmetic is a little at fault. I would add at least a fifth Power – the United States under President Reagan, which is aiding the death squads in El Salvador and the Contras, who include the relics of Somoza's National Guard, on the borders of Nicaragua.

Yours truly,
GRAHAM GREENE,
06600 Antibes, France.
April 5.

'Evening Post' and trade unions

From Mr C. G. Pole-Carew

Sir, In yesterday's edition of your newspaper (April 11) you published an "open letter" by Mr Phillip Whitehead which makes false accusations against my company and myself in connection with Mr David Dimbleby's decision to transfer the printing of his newspapers to one of our subsidiaries, TBF (Printers) Ltd. I would be most grateful if I might be allowed this one opportunity to correct the record, which has been wrongly stated so many times in so many papers.

We did not drive NUJ members out of the *Nottingham Evening Post* six years ago: 28 (out of 93) of our journalists, and less than half the NUJ membership, went on strike on the orders of their national executive for a wage increase of a sum which was roughly £1,000 per year *less* than they were currently earning.

Having broken their contracts of employment for such a crazy reason they were deemed no longer to work for us. The majority who continued to work were all summarily expelled from the NUJ.

I have never made the statement that I "always do my best to discredit and humiliate union officials", nor "make them stand throughout discussions", nor "continue meetings until they have missed their last bus or train".

True, on one occasion I gave a talk to the management of a newspaper when I advised them of the awfulness and violence that they could expect from union sources if they insisted, like us, on managing properly (they decided not to!) and to be prepared in effect to play the unions at their own game. This is very far, though, from the blanket accusations Mr Whitehead levels against me.

In his final paragraph he says that the right of association is coming under threat from us. Yet of the six unions in our industry two have 100 per cent, two more substantial membership, whilst the remainder, the NUJ and NGA, have none because they – not us – have withdrawn membership from our staff.

The NUJ is a very vocal union but spokesmen should take care not to overstretch the truth.

We are a very technically advanced group of companies, generating above-average profits and wages, handling increasing work and expanding our workforce. The "burghers of Nottingham" know this: what does Mr Whitehead find grubby about it? Can it be that a union has been thwarted in driving Mr Dimbleby's papers out of business?

Yours etc,
CHRISTOPHER POLE-CAREW,
Managing Director,
Forman Hardy Holdings Ltd,
Forman Street,
Nottingham.
April 12.

From Mr David Dimbleby

Sir, When the NUJ first complained about our printing our Richmond newspapers at Nottingham we asked them for a list of alternative printers who could guarantee production, despite our two-month-old dispute with the NGA.

They suggested five companies. We contacted each and each refused to take on the work. In the six months since then they have not put forward any further names, which suggests that there is at present no alternative in this country to TBF (Printers) Ltd, of Nottingham.

Much as Mr Whitehead (feature, April 11) may huff and puff, he must recognise that it is not wilfulness or perversity that keeps us at Nottingham, but an instinct for survival.

He might be more fruitfully engaged trying to persuade the executive of his union, the NUJ, that having fought their battle with us through the Court of Appeal and the House of Lords they should now accept the decision of those courts; that the secondary action they have taken against us is illegal and must come to an end. Or does Mr Whitehead believe that the law should only be obeyed when it finds in your favour?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID DIMBLEBY,
Richmond and Twickenham Times,
14 King Street,
Richmond,
Surrey.
April 12.

Social security net

From the Reverend Roy C. Allison

Sir, The social security system is at minimum a net to catch those who fall below an agreed poverty line. Its appeal procedure enables those who believe themselves to have been unfairly treated to have the benefit of a second opinion.

Administratively this appears to be very good – but it is totally inadequate for anyone who needs to appeal because they haven't even the money to buy food.

Two of the many people who have sought my advice recently have been in this position. One had received *no* benefit at all for several weeks because of an administrative error. Another – a woman with a 16-year-old son – spent this last weekend with nothing to eat after breakfast (except for a bag of chips and a bread roll provided by neighbours) because the supplementary benefit office had not sent the money which was due to them.

Each of these people would have continued without money and/or food if strong representation had not been made to the DHSS office concerned.

It is accepted that everyone can make mistakes, but mistakes by the DHSS in circumstances such as these can cause women and children to go hungry.

Surely an additional independent immediate referral procedure must be introduced so that those facing hunger and deprivation as a result of administrative errors can find immediate assistance – even if its only power is to ask the local supplementary benefit office to look again at an applicant's claim.

Yours sincerely,
ROY C. ALLISON,
Bristol Methodist Mission,
Central Hall,
Old Market Street,
Bristol, Avon.
March 27.

Home to roost

From Captain L. P. S. Orr

Sir, Mr Heath (report, April 12) should be the last person to complain of the removal of an elected local authority and its replacement by a non-elected body. It was he, when Prime Minister, who removed the democratically elected Parliament of Northern Ireland and replaced it with an artificial hotchpotch which could not and did not last, and left to his successors the task of ruling directly from Westminster without any top tier of local government at all.

At the time, in an almost entirely hostile House of Commons, I described his action as a recipe for bloodshed; history has confirmed this view.

London will, at least, be governed by the elected representatives of the boroughs and not directly from Whitehall and, at least, majority rule will still prevail.

Yours faithfully
L. P. S. ORR,
2 Serjeants' Inn, EC4
April 12.

The Tisdall appeal

From Mr L. Norman Williams

Sir, The words that the Provost of King's College, Cambridge (April 12) places within quotation marks as being a report – unattributed; not in *The Times* – of what the Lord Chief Justice said in refusing Miss Sarah Tisdall leave to appeal bear no, or very little, relation to what was said in court.

The words used by the Lord Chief Justice, as noted by me in court, were:

The fact that an individual disapproves of the law or thinks that it is unreasonable for him or her to have to obey it does not mean that that individual will escape prosecution or if convicted will escape punishment. People who believe in obeying the law only when it conforms to what they consider to be their own special interests must be reminded that they are misguided. It is dangerous arrogance for anyone, be they Foreign Office clerk or national newspaper, to presume to decide which laws they are obliged to observe and which they are not.

The Provost may be said to have written from false premises. Miss Tisdall's sentence results from her *conviction* for breach of trust and her oath, not her *convictions*, whatever they may be.

Yours faithfully,
L. NORMAN WILLIAMS,
Room 716,
Royal Courts of Justice,
Strand, WC2.
April 12.

Cutting and running?

From Mr Michael Boyden

Sir, What shall we make of a nation which at one moment, amid public furore, uproots and exiles a family, whose children are British citizens, but where the parents have outstayed their welcome, and then proceeds in unseemly fashion to grant citizenship to a 17-year-old, 5,000 metre runner within 10 days of her application?

The only logical deduction – and by this shall they be judged – is that the Home Office is more interested in gold medals at the Olympics than in the plight of a miserable family, whose only crime was to have wanted to remain in Great Britain.

I remain, yours faithfully,
MICHAEL BOYDEN,
22 Carlton Road,
Hale, Cheshire.
April 10.

Paying for exams

From Mr David Hunt

Sir, Mr Wood, the Headmaster of Liskeard School (April 2), referring to the financial cost of the various public examinations offered in the course of a year by the pupils at his school, says: "Fortunately this bill is paid by the authority."

I have long wondered why the examination fees of pupils at independent schools are charged to their parents when those at maintained schools have their fees paid for them. Why should the choice of independent schooling lead to such a discrepancy?

The local authorities are spared the cost of providing the schooling; surely, as tax and ratepayers, parents are entitled to relief from examination fees?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID HUNT
2 Hailey Close,
Hailey Lane,
Hertford.
April 3.

Voice of experience

From Mr J. E. Whetton

Sir, Your correspondent, Mrs A. G. Lynne, asks (April 9) "is this really a British record" of yet another long-serving church chorister.

The answer, I'm afraid, is no! Mr Walter Shepherd, of 5 Welbeck Road, Doncaster, has sung in the choir of St John's Church, Balby, since the age of seven, and he is now 94 (not out).

Yours faithfully,
J. E. WHETTON (Organist and choirmaster, St John's Church, Balby),
186 Tickhill Road,
Balby,
Doncaster, South Yorkshire.

Funding youth training

From the Bishop of Liverpool

Sir, In your leader (March 31) about Liverpool City Council's failure to make a rate you say that "Mr Jenkin has said he can do nothing singular. But there is regional discretion in other ministerial briefs, notably through the Manpower Services Commission".

I wish I had more confidence that this was true. But as chairman of the MSC Area Manpower Board for Merseyside I have recently found little or no regional discretion in arguing our case against very rigid cuts with the industry ministers responsible for MSC.

The Community Programme, which offers £60 a week average to long-term unemployed, makes a very small-scale contribution. Merseyside has 139,000 unemployed, 77,000 long-term unemployed in MCS's terms (unemployed for 12 months). The Community Programme offers 6,651 places for 12 months only.

Another figure is unknown, namely the number unemployed for five years or 10 years. I believe that to be a very substantial number here.

Additional Government help by means of regional discretion must not be at the cost of regular grant aid; and it should be for other depressed regions too.

But it is overdue that we should open our minds to greatly expanded programmes of public works and services and to the possibility of lifting the 12-month limit. For unemployment in regions like Merseyside is not a temporary phenonemon.

Rigid financial policies have led to the recent severe cutbacks in Mode B1 funding for the Youth Training Scheme. These policies are based on a belief that private-sector employers can offer the best training and do it more cheaply by Mode A funding. But employers on Merseyside cannot provide half the good schemes needed for school-leavers.

We have been losing 10,000 jobs a year for the last 10 years. Private-sector employers are largely providing clerical and administrative places. Only a small proportion are run by large employers.

My board is clear that the cutbacks mean we are offering less choice and lower quality training for many young people.

Equally damaging is the blow to trust and good will, without which there would be no programme. We are currently closing 12 projects and cutting many more. All of these have been encouraged by us in good faith to believe that the emphasis in this first year of YTS was to be on improving the quality of training.

These cutbacks in YTS came only three months after a freeze was suddenly imposed on recruiting for the Community Programme. That froze for a period of up to six months over 2,000 places already agreed by my board.

As with cuts to local government, the effect is that moderate-minded men and women who work their heart out for people's needs in cities like Liverpool have their capacity to deliver the goods seriously weakened. No one should be surprised that some of those who face long-term deprivation should then turn to more extreme policies of confrontation.

Yours, etc,
†DAVID LIVERPOOL,
Church House,
1 Hanover Street,
Liverpool.
April 6.

Putting oneself forward

From Mr Christopher Billson

Sir, Sir Francis Avery Jones must surely be right in stating (April 9) that an Englishman prefers a low profile; but the reason why he wears his name badge at conferences in his left-hand lapel, I would respectfully suggest, has nothing to do with anonymity. If this were the case, he would dispense with the damn thing altogether.

No Sir, the reason is quite clear. Most of us wear our occasional buttonhole, regatta or Wimbledon badge where one's tailor provides. Just imagine the contortions that right-handers would endure for right-hand lapel attachment.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER BILLSON,
Dunstall Priory,
Shoreham-by-Sevenoaks,
Kent.
April 9.

From the Reverend Eric Thacker

Sir, At conferences, particularly those involving many clergymen, I have occasionally taken to wearing my name badge, not only on the left lapel, but also upside down, so that, in the bemusement so often caused by such events, I can easily remind myself who I am.

Yours faithfully,
ERIC THACKER,
The Vicarage,
Womersley,
Doncaster,
South Yorkshire.
April 9.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 12: The Amir of the State of Bahrain today visited West Ilsley, Stockcross and Highclere.

His Highness was received on arrival at West Ilsley Training Stables by Lord Porchester (The Queen's Racing Manager) and Major W. R. Hern (Trainer).

The Amir of the State of Bahrain was entertained at luncheon at Foley Lodge, Stockcross by Lord Porchester.

Afterwards His Highness visited Highclere Stud.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were entertained at a Banquet this evening by The Amir of the State of Bahrain at the Dorchester hotel.

The Duchess of Grafton and the Right Hon Sir Philip Moore were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 12: The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, the 2nd King Edward VII's Own Goorkhas (The Sirmoor Rifles) this morning at Kensington Palace received Lieutenant-Colonel John Brewer on assuming command of the 2nd Battalion.

The Princess of Wales this morning visited British Airways and the British Airports Authority, Heathrow Airport, London.

Mrs George West and Lieutenant-Commander Peter Eberle, RN, were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 12: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was present this evening at a Gala Performance by the Scottish Ballet given at His Majesty's Theatre, Aberdeen, in aid of the Royal Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, of which Her Royal Highness is President.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Alastair Aird.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 12: The Duke and Duchess of Kent were entertained at a banquet this evening by The Amir of the State of Bahrain at the Dorchester hotel.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
April 12: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Hon Angus Ogilvy, this morning presented the Britannia Arrow Ross McWhirter Young Citizens' Awards at Goldsmith's Hall, London.

Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness and the Hon Angus Ogilvy were entertained at a Banquet this evening by The Amir of the State of Bahrain at the Dorchester hotel.

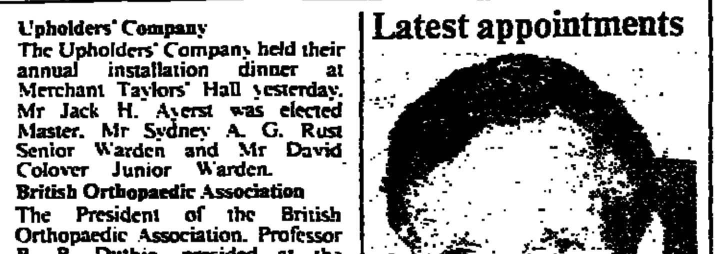
The Duke of Edinburgh will attend a dinner given by Lloyds of London Press, to mark the anniversary of Lloyd's List, at Guildhall on May 1.

Princess Anne, President of the British Olympic Association, will attend the Sports Ball at Grosvenor House on May 1.

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the International Garden Festival in Liverpool on May 2.

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the new Liverpool Court House on May 2.

Mr Ahmed E. H. Jaffer has arrived in London and is staying at Overseas House, Park Place, St James's Street, SW1.



Cyril and Shirley Fry, watercolour experts, assessing treasures of the Royal Society of Painters in Watercolour

Watercolour collection comes back to life

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The Royal Society of Painters in Watercolour, founded in 1804 has just discovered that it possesses a collection of its members' watercolours worth around £750,000. That figure, *may change, however, as they* are still in the process of being inspected and valued.

Since 1862, every new member of the society has been required, on election, to give one fine example of his or her work to the society. It has also received many gifts from members, ranging from a remarkable Samuel Palmer landscape with highlights in gold, entitled "Shady quiet", from a nineteenth century benefactor, to a beautiful drawing by David Jones given recently by his trustees.

There are more than 400 drawings in the collection and they have hitherto been kept in boxes in the society's vaults, first at its Conduit Street gallery and since 1980 at its new Bankside Gallery.

The collection is suddenly coming back to life as a result of a decision by Diners Club International to sponsor the society, and the dynamism of Mr Maurice Sheppard who was elected president of the society last week; aged 37, he is the youngest president since Fennel Robson was elected in 1819.

The collection has been carried up from the vaults and the Courtauld Institute has begun to photograph each drawing for the Witt Library. Cyril and Shirley Fry, of the Fry Gallery in Jermyn Street, have been going through the drawings, preparing a valuation on each and assessing where conservation is needed.

The next step will be the remounting and conservation of the drawings by Ms Sue Davis of the South Eastern Museums Service, after which they are to go on exhibition. An exhibition is scheduled to open in the Bankside Gallery next January and then tour the country.

Among the highlights of the collection are an exceptionally fine pair of John Varley landscapes, a Peter de Wint of "The Thames at Windsor", a Burne Jones, an Arthur Rackham and works by Russell Flint, Laura Knight and David Jones.

Forthcoming marriages

The Hon Simon Bancroft and Miss V. L. Rosenqvist
The engagement is announced between Simon Powell, elder son of Lord and Lady Bancroft, of West Hill, London, and Vicki Lynn, daughter of Mr and Mrs Glenn Rosenqvist, of Dallas, Texas.

Sir Richard Dashwood, Bt, and Miss K. A. Mahon
The engagement is announced between Richard James, son of the late Sir Henry Dashwood, Bt, and of Lady Dashwood, Ledwell Cottage, Sandford-St-Martin, Oxfordshire, and Kathryn Ann, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Mahon, Barretts Farm, Eastbury, Newbury, Berkshire.

Mr M. W. S. Brooks and Miss L. McDonald
The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Dr and Mrs J. W. Brooks, of Colwyn Bay, North Wales, and Linda, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs E. McDonald, of Mellor, Lancashire.

Mr P. S. Burne and Miss L. M. Harris
The engagement is announced between Philip Steven, son of Mr and Mrs Burne, and Lucinda Mary, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. H. Harris, both of Norfolk.

Lieutenant N. J. Chapman, RN, and Miss K. M. S. Hatchard
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs E. J. Chapman, of Bodmin, Cornwall, and Karina, only daughter of Mr and Mrs K. E. W. Hatchard, of Monkswood, Milford-on-Sea, Hampshire, and Nassau, Bahamas.

Mr M. S. Hoppen and Miss J. Bevan
The engagement is announced between Michael Sean, only son of Mrs Stephanie Hoppen Leech, of Cadogan Square, London, and the late Mr S. A. Hoppen, and Jennifer, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs G. M. Bevan, of Minehead, Somerset.

Mr B. C. Howe and Miss S. Golding
The engagement is announced between Brian, younger son of Mr and Mrs H. W. Howe, of Bosham, Sussex, and Susan, younger daughter of the late Mr K. C. B. Golding, TD, JP, and Mrs W. M. Golding, of Hedgerley, Buckinghamshire.

Mr T. J. Lawrance-Owen and Miss A. S. Holt
The engagement is announced between Tim, son of the late Surgeon Captain J. R Lawrance-Owen, MVO, MBE, RN, and Mrs Lawrance-Owen, of Exton, Hampshire, and Annette, daughter of Mr and Mrs O. C. Holt, of Bolton, Lancashire.

Dr J. G. B. Maclean and Miss S. J. Roberts
The engagement is announced between James, youngest son of Mr and Mrs A. B. Maclean, of Sebergham, Cumbria, and Sue, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Roberts, of Esher, Surrey.

Mr T. Newman and Miss E. Pick
The engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of Mr and Mrs Mervyn Newman, of 17 Gillhurst Road, Harborne, Birmingham, and Libby, second daughter of the late Mr Alan Pick and Mrs Pick, of Bury Court Farm, Shotteswell, near Banbury, Oxfordshire.

Mr P. Crocker and Miss V. Jay
The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of David and Erika Crocker, and Vanessa, eldest daughter of Barry and Gillian Jay.

Mr G. St.A. Pugh and Miss B. A. Storkey
The engagement is announced between Giles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A. T. Pugh, of Sidlow Bridge, Reigate, Surrey, and Beverley Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. C. Storkey, of Cooden, East Sussex.

Mr A. F. Slatter and Miss H. A. Watson
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs F. Slatter, of Hatch End, Middlesex, and Helen, daughter of Major and Mrs B. A. Watson, of Beverley, North Humberside.

Mr S. M. Turnbull and Miss M. A. Colyer
The engagement is announced between Steven, son of June and Philip Turnbull, of Rock, Cornwall, and Mary Ann, daughter of Peggy and David Colyer, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Marriages

Major-General E. W. Barton and Mrs P. C. Frimann
The marriage took place in London, on April 12, between Major-General E. W. Barton, of Weybridge, and Mrs Pamela Frimann, of Oslo, daughter of the late Mr R. D. Mason and Mrs Mason, of Winchelsea, Sussex.

Commander R. D. Wall, RN (retd.) and Miss M. S. Paul
Commander Robert Duncan Wall and Miss Maureen Sylvia Paul were married quietly in Braintree, Essex, on Tuesday, April 10, 1984.

Dinners

Amir of Bahrain
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were the guests of honour at a dinner given by the Amir of Bahrain at the Dorchester hotel last night. The Duke and Duchess of Kent, Prince Michael of Kent, Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy, and Princes Margarita of Yugoslavia were present. The Lord Chancellor and the Hon Mary Hogg, the Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher, the Lord President of the Council and Viscountess Whitelaw, the Speaker and Mrs Weatherill, Mr Edward Heath, MP, the Lord Mayor of Westminster and Mr D. Sitwell, and the Lord Mayor of London and Sir John Donaldson attended. Others present included:
Ambassadors, high commissioners and other members of the Diplomatic Corps, the Duchess of Grafton, the Earl and Countess of Inchcape, Viscount and Viscountess Glenapp, Viscount and Viscountess Boyne, the Right Rev L J Ashton, Lord and Lady Maclean, Baroness Phillips, Lord and Lady Porchester, Lord Carrington, CH, and Lady Carrington, Lord Barber, Lord and Lady Denman, Lord and Lady Ennals, Lord and Lady King of Wartnaby, the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Lady Howe, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and Mrs Tebbit, Mr David Steel, MP, Dr David Owen, MP, and Mrs Owen, the Hon Douglas Hurd, MP, and Mrs Hurd, Mr and Mrs William Deedes, Sir Philip and Lady Moore, the Hon Josephine Barber.
Colonel the Hon Gordon and Mrs Palmer, the Hon Eustance and Mrs Gibbs, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Johnston, Lieutenant-General Sir John and Lady Richards, Marshal of the RAF Sir John Grandy, Field Marshal Sir Edwin and Lady Bramall, Sir Anthony Acland, Sir Richard Beaumont, Sir John and Lady Burgh, Sir Bernard and Lady Burrows, Sir Stewart and Lady Crawford, Sir John and Lady Leahy, Admiral Sir Rae and Lady McKaig, Sir George and Lady Middleton, Sir Kenneth and Lady Newman, Sir Anthony and Lady Parsons, Sir David and Lady Roberts, Sir Alexander and Lady Stirling.
Shaikh Mohamed bin Mubarak Al-Khalifa, Shaikh Mohamed bin Khalifa Al-Khalifa, Sayed Mahmoud Ahmed Al-Alawi, Mr Yousif Ahmed Al-Shirawi, Mr Tariq Abdul Rahman Al-Moayyed, Mr Yousif Rahma Al-Dosari, Mr Mohamed Jalal, Mr Mubarak Jassim Kanoo, Mr Nabil Qamber, the Mayors of Kensington and Chelsea and Windsor and Maidenhead; the Chairman of Berkshire County Council, Dr Ali Fakhro, Shaikh Rashid bin Khalifa and Shaikha Lulua Al-Khalifa, Shaikh Sulman bin Abdulla Al-Khalifa, Shaikh Khalid bin Mohamed Al-Khalifa, Mr and Mrs Joseph Angotti.
Mr and Mrs Faisal Aouidha, Mr and Mrs Khalil Azary, Mr and Mrs H G Balfour-Paul, Mr and Mrs Charles Gault, Mr and Mrs Michael Gilbert, Mr and Mrs E F Given, Mr and Mrs P A Graham, Major G Green, Mr and Mrs T Green, Mr and Mrs Keith Haskell, Rear-Admiral and Mrs Hubert Hollins, Mr and Mrs P M Imbert, Mr Abdul Aziz Kanoo, Mr Ahmed Kanoo, Rear-Admiral and Mrs M D Kyrle-Pope, Mr and Mrs Peter Mason, Mr and Mrs A K Al-Mudaris, Mr and Mrs D Muggeridge, Mr and Mrs Sami Nasser, Mr and Mrs Eric Sharp, Mr and Mrs Robert Tesh, Mr and Mrs Peter Tripp, Mr and Mrs C T Wyatt, and Mr Hussain Yateem.

South Africa Club
The Ambassador of South Africa presided at a dinner given by the South Africa Club at the Savoy Hotel last night. The guest of honour was the Rev H. H. Hendrickse, leader of the Labour Party in South Africa. Among those present were:
The Earl and Countess of Bessborough, the Dowager Countess of Verulam, Lord Paget of Northampton, Lord and Lady Erroll of Hale, and Mr Ian Gow, MP.

Printers' Charitable Corporation
The annual boxing dinner of the Printers' Charitable Corporation was held at the Café Royal last night. Mr Norman Garrod, chairman of the council, was in the chair and among those present were:
Sir Eric Cheadle and Mr Gordon Brunton, former presidents, Mr Henry Cooper, Mr Tom Nicholas, Mr George Elrick, Colonel Norman Brann, and Major-General Tony Dyball.

Upholders' Company
The Upholders' Company held their annual installation dinner at Merchant Taylors' Hall yesterday. Mr Jack H. Ayerst was elected Master, Mr Sydney A. G. Rust Senior Warden and Mr David Colover Junior Warden.

British Orthopaedic Association
The President of the British Orthopaedic Association, Professor R. B. Duthie, presided at the association dinner held at the Coylumbridge Hotel, Aviemore last night. The principal guests were:
the Earl and Countess of Leven and Melville, Lady Watson-Jones, Professor G. P McNicol, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Aberdeen University, and the Chief Administrative Medical Officers of the Highland and Tayside Health Boards, Dr A. R. Morrison and Dr R. C. Graham and their ladies. Among the other guests were the Presidents of the American Academy, Canadian, South African, Australian and Norwegian orthopaedic associations and their ladies.

Luncheons

Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators
The President of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, Mr Kenneth Jacques, was host at a luncheon in the City yesterday. The guests included:
Lord Mulley, Sir Peter Gadsden, Mr Alderman W Allan Davis, Miss S I M Tutt, Mr T G Barker, Mr J C Bracher and honorary officers, members of council, senior members and the secretary of the institute.

Royal College of Physicians
The President of the Royal College of Physicians, Dr Raymond Hoffenberg, gave a luncheon for the friends of the college yesterday. Those present were:
Sir Mark Baring, Sir David Barran, Sir Peter Baxendell, Sir Cyril Clarke, Lord Gibson, the Countess of Limerick, Sir Joseph Lockwood, Lord Luke, Mr Arthur Mason, Mr Burnet Pavitt, Mr Joseph McArthur Rank, Mr Brian Salmon, Mr Geoffrey Seligman, Sir Graham Wilkins, Dr Nigel Compston, Dr David Pyke, Dr H Bunje, Mr Michael Tibbs and Miss Iris Rawlings.

Service dinners

Honourable Artillery Company
The annual St George's dinner of the Veteran Company was held at Armoury House last night. Mr Ian MacGregor, Chairman of the National Coal Board, proposed the toast of "England" and Mr John Challis, Vice-President of the HAC, responded. General Sir Victor FitzGeorge-Balfour presided.

Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785
The Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785 held a dinner at Whitbread's Brewery yesterday to commemorate British naval operations off South America prior to 1900.

Reception

British-Malaysian Society
The Chairman of the British-Malaysian Society, Sir Donald Hawley, was host at an evening reception held yesterday at CBI Centre Point for the Speaker of the Malaysian House of Representatives, Datuk Mohamed Zahir, Dato' Dr Tan Tiong Hong, Deputy Minister of Education, Datuk Leonard Linggi Anah Jugah, Senator Abdul Hamid bin Ibrahim and Dato Azizul Rahman bin Abdul Aziz.

Latest appointments



Lieutenant-General Sir Edward Burgess, aged 56, Commander United Kingdom Field Army, is to be Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe in July in the rank of General, in succession to Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Terry.

Other appointments include:

Major-General P. E. de la C. de la Billiere to be Commander British Forces Falkland Islands in June, in succession to Major-General K. Spacie.

Brigadier G. R. Oehlers to be Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Command, Control Communications and Information Systems) Ministry of Defence in June in the rank of Major-General, in succession to Rear-Admiral D. M. Eckersley-Maslin.

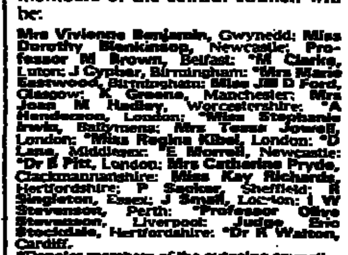
Brigadier S. C. Cooper to be Director Royal Armoured Corps in July in the rank of Major-General, in succession to Major-General R. M. Jerram.

Mr A. H. Bishop, Assistant Under-Secretary of State in the Scottish Office, to be Principal Establishment Officer from May 1 (on level transfer as an under-secretary), in succession to Mr L P Hamilton, Mr H. H. Mills to succeed Mr I. D. Penman in the Scottish Development Department from July 1 and Mr G. R. Wilson to succeed Mr J. A. Scott in the Industry Department for Scotland from September 1. Both will transfer on promotion from Assistant Secretary to Under-Secretary.

Mrs Elizabeth Thomas, chairman of West Midlands Arts, to be a member of the Arts Council.

Mr James Bealby, a farmer, Master of the South Nottinghamshire Hunt, Mr Joss Hambury, a landowner, Field Master of the Cottesmore Hunt, and Mr Barry Hercock, a retired businessman, have been appointed Joint Masters of the Quorn Hunt from May 1, 1985.

Miss Joan Cooper, honorary visiting research fellow at Sussex University since 1978, to be chairman of the reconstituted Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work. The 25 members of the central council will be:



Mrs Vivienne Benjamin, Gwynedd; Miss Dorothy Blenkinsop, Newcastle; Professor M Brown, Belfast; *M Clarke, Luton; J Cypher, Birmingham; *Mrs Marie Eastwood, Birmingham; Miss Jill D Ford, Glasgow; K Greene, Manchester; Mrs Joan M Hadley, Worcestershire; *A Henderson, London; *Miss Stephanie Irwin, Ballymena; Mrs Tessa Jowell, London; *Miss Regina Kibel, London; *D Lane, Middlesex; E Morrell, Newcastle; *Dr E Pitt, London; Mrs Catherine Pryde, Clackmannanshire; Miss Kay Richards, Hertfordshire; P Saslow, Sheffield; R Singleton, Essex; J Small, London; I W Stevenson, Perth; *Professor Olive Stevenson, Liverpool; Judge Eric Stockdale, Hertfordshire; *Dr R Walton, Cardiff.
*Denotes members of the outgoing council.

Mrs Wendy Izod, adviser to the Hotel Catering and Institutional Management Association to be secretary to the National Association of School Meals Organizers in succession to Miss Ann Share.

Mr D J Farrant, former Head of Shawnigan Lake School, British Columbia to be Headmaster of Abbotsholme School from September 1.

To be regional chairmen of the social security appeal tribunals and medical appeal tribunals:
Scotland, R W Deans; Midlands, I G Harrison; London north, R A Sanders; London south, R B Huggins; North-western, R S Sim; Wales and South-western, C B Stephens; North-eastern, J W Tinnion.

The following to be full-time chairmen:
J W Jackson, J R Martyn, R F Atkins, R J C Angus.

Latest wills

Mr Herbert John Greatrex Newman, of Eastbourne, the lyric writer, left estate valued at £34,868 net.

Mr Ethan Buxton, of Mayfield, Staffordshire, left £1,183,676 net.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):
Blake, Mr Thomas Michael, of West Meon, Hampshire £612,767
Banzl, Mrs Hanna Annemarie, of Wimbledon, London £553,071
Chatterton, Mr Richard Martin, of Louth, Lincolnshire, chartered surveyor £580,483

Birthdays today

Mr Samuel Beckett, 78; Mr John Braine, 62; Lord Broxbourne, 74; Air Vice-Marshal Sir Bernard Chacksfield, 71; the Right Rev R. N. Coote, 69; Mr Liam Cosgrave, 64; Mr Beverley Cross, 53; Professor Gordon Donaldson, 71; Mr Edward Fox, 47; Professor A. H. Halsey, 61; Mr Justice Harman, 54; Mr Graham Hutton, 80; Lord James of Rusholme, 75; Canon J. N. D. Kelly, 75; Mr Godfrey Kenton, 82; the Right Rev D. G. Loveday, 88; the Duke of Marlborough, 58; Mr Jonjo O'Neill, 32; Miss Margaret Price, 43; Sir Stephen Roberts, 69; Lord Wedderburn of Charlton, 57; Lieutenant-General Sir James Wilson, 63; Major-General Sir John Winterton, 86.

Visit to Morocco

The Duke of Kent, vice-chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will be in Morocco from May 1 to 4. He will visit Rabat, Casablanca and the Sonasid steel mill at Nador, built by Davy McKee (Sheffield).

Memorial service

Mrs W. Tallis
A memorial service for Mrs Walter Tallis (Gillian Mackay) was held at St Michael's, Clifton Hampden, Oxfordshire, yesterday. The Rev Peter Dewey officiated. Miss Brenda Horsfield read the lesson and Mr T. W. Brooke-Smith, Master-elect of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators, gave an address.

Guild of Air Pilots

The following have been elected officers of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators for the ensuing year:
Master, Captain Kenneth Blevins; Wardens, Mr T. Brooke-Smith, Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil Wheeler, Mr R. Pooley and Captain F. Dell.

Photographic honour

The honorary fellowship of the Royal Photographic Society has been awarded to Mr Andor Kraszna-Krausz, the founder in 1937 of Focal Press, publishers of photographic books.

Awards for RAF men

Flight Lieutenant Michael Timothy Curley, aged 38, from Woolwich, London, has been awarded a Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air for his actions during a particularly dangerous helicopter rescue in the Cumbrian Mountains in December, 1983. Sergeant Chrisopher Alexander Blackman, aged 26, from Cheshire, has been awarded a Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct for saving the life of an airman during a grenade-throwing exercise, also in December, 1983.

St Godric's College

St Godric's College, London, has awarded scholarships to the following for 1984/1985:
Louise Ogden, Nell Wade College, March; Amanda Kemp, Bishops' Hatfield Girls School; Alison Millner, Morrison's Academy, Crieff; Annabel Rogerson, St Mary's Hall, Brighton; Della Beach, Hove Park School, East Sussex.

Major awards have also been made to:
Sarah Free, Vanessa Harrison, Juliet Higgs, Claire Holt, Alexandra John, Andrea Johnston, Victoria Mann, Janet Meloom, Lucy Sailer, Bernadette Tynan.

Science report

Improving the tomato by gene control

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A gene which controls the ripening of the tomato has been transplanted into a strain of bacteria commonly used in microbiological research. Furthermore, new generations of the organism carrying the tomato gene are being cultured in a small-scale version of the fermentation packages that are found in the brewing, food processing and drug industries.

The creation of the hybrid plant-organism is an incidental aspect of the latest advance in genetic engineering. The bacteria are being used merely as a factory to produce thousands of copies of the gene in a short time. They replicate themselves every few minutes in culture.

The work has been done by a group working with Dr Donald Grierson at the school of agricultural science of Nottingham University. It is part of a fundmental study of the basic processes behind germination, growth, flowering, ripening of fruit and seeds, and the vulnerability or resistance of a plant to particular diseases.

The tomato provided an ideal experimental plant because its fruit contains thousands of large seeds from which genes can be identified which control specific stages of development.

Dr Grierson says there are intervals in the life of a plant when genes that have been dormant are switched on.

Those development stages happen in the tomato fruit when changes occur in its texture, flavour and colouring during ripening.

At the final stage of development, even rotting and senescence are under genetic control, ordered by evolution, to ensure that seeds are spread to propagate the next generation. Although the processes are under genetic control, they are not inevitable.

Experimental varieties of tomatoes have been bred in which the ripening process has been halted or delayed.

Hence, the storage and shelf life of fruit might be improved by the manipulation of genetic characteristics.

Present research, supported by the Science and Engineering Research Council and the Agriculture and Food Research Council, is aimed at identifying which of thousands of genes are responsible for specific biochemical changes.

Two of the processes involved in the ripening tomato provide biochemical markers to show just when a particular gene has been switched on.

That has been established by assays of the constituents showing that ripe tomatoes have the enzyme polygalacturonase (PG), which is not present in green fruit. But it is essential to change the structure of cells when the tomato softens. Before that happens the tomato also begins to produce ethelyne, a gas which triggers the sequence of ripening events.

Dr Grierson says that by studying the relatively simple steps of the triggering mechanism and by analysing the structure of the PG, his group hopes to work out the complete chemical background eventually for the seven or eight genes that are thought to be involved in the total process of the maturing fruit. When they have done that they will apply it to earlier stages of development and other plants.

OBITUARY

DR BERYL SMALLEY

Mediaeval historian

Dr Beryl Smalley, FBA, who died on April 6 at the age of 78 was a historian who made notable contributions to the study of mediaeval historiography and its related field, mediaeval religious thought. She was a Fellow and Tutor of St Hilda's College, Oxford, from 1943 to 1969 and Vice-Principal from 1957 to 1969.

Beryl Smalley was born on June 3 1905 and educated at Cheltenham Ladies College and St Hilda's College, Oxford. After taking second class in Modern History in 1927 she went to Manchester University and obtained a PhD under Sir Maurice Powicke on the Biblical Commentaries of Stephen Langton.

Teaching posts, especially for women, were few. From 1931 to 1934 she was assistant lecturer at Royal Holloway College, and from 1935-38 she held a research fellowship at Girton College, Cambridge. In 1940 she was made temporary assistant in Western Manuscripts at the Bodleian Library, Oxford, a post she held until she secured a permanent position as Fellow and Tutor of St Hilda's.

Her work on Langton led her to explore the neglected field of earlier commentators. In a remarkable series of articles she traced the growth of the Ordinary Gloss, the standard biblical commentary of the Middle Ages.

In 1941 she produced *The Study of the Bible in the Middle Ages*, the first serious treatment of the subject. A second edition, much enlarged appeared in 1951.

It was followed by *English Friars and Antiquity in the Early Fourteenth Century* (1961). In her Ford lectures (1967) published as *The Becket Conflict and the Schools* (197) she showed for the first time the connection with the conflict of men trained in the rising universities.

Historians of the Middle Ages (1974) was a scholarly and highly perceptive study of the monkish chroniclers of the early mediaeval period whose readability was enhanced by a large but judicious selection of illustrations. It was followed by *Studies in Medieval Thought from Abelard to Wyclif* (1984).

Beryl Smalley was an unusual character, combining social accomplishment with a rare degree of personal austerity and self-discipline. This enabled her to combine in a remarkable degree college and university teaching which she enjoyed. A touch of aloofness went with an insight into the needs of her pupils and friends.

Her flawless appearance (for she had a lively and informed interest in fashion) made a first encounter a surprising experience for those who knew only of her international reputation in one of the most austere fields of historical and theological studies.

MR SQUIRE YARROW

Squire Yarrow, President of the AAA, died on April 11 at the age of 78, after a long illness. He had been elected President of the Amateur Athletic Association in 1978, succeeding the late Harold Abrahams.

A tall, upright man, Squire Yarrow was before and after the last war one of the world's finest marathon runners, upholding this reputation by gaining a silver medal in the 1938 European Championships with a time of 2 hrs 39 mins 03 secs. Then at the age of 41 he was selected for the 1946 European Championships and came 7th in the marathon.

Probably the most memorable race of his career was in the 1946 AAA Marathon Championships, when he and his great rival Donald McNab Robertson, entered the White City Stadium for the final lap and ran shoulder to shoulder, Squire Yarrow winning by just one fifth of a second. But for the vast experience of these two great runners the finish could well have been a disaster because due to the slowness of the events in the stadium the steeplechase was in progress and Squire and McNab Robertson had to contend with hurdles as well as the steeplechasers. It was the closest finish of a marathon in AAA history.

Yarrow in his running days, was first a member of Victoria Park Harriers and then Polytechnic Harriers and when he moved to the Midlands and his running days were over he became involved in AAA administration, serving in many capacities. An encourager of the young, he took a great interest in the AAA's 5 Star Award Scheme held in the schools.

He was a forthright opponent of artificial aids to stimulate performances and on his inauguration as President said "There is only one word for that in my language, and that is 'cheating'".

As a referee he had the privilege of ratifying Peter Radford's world record for 220 yds with a time of 20.5s at Wolverhampton in 1960 and had been Referee of London Marathon since its inception.

Squire Yarrow was also a Governor and Director of London Marathon. He was Vice-President and Life Member of the Polytechnic Harriers; a past President of Victoria Park Harriers and a Vice President of Staffordshire AAA.

He was Assistant Team Manager to Britain's 1948 Olympic Games team and was Chairman of the AAA Coaching Committee and of the Development Committee and Facilities Committee.

DR ALMA HOWARD

Dr Alma Howard, who died on April 1, was a radiobiologist, who made a considerable contribution to cell biology.

Born in Montreal, Canada, in 1913, she took her degree at McGill University, and completed her PhD thesis on genetics and cancer in 1938. She married P. W. Rolleston in 1939, and they had two sons.

After the tragic death of her husband in 1947, she returned to scientific work, and joined the team led by L. H. Gray, *deputy-director of an MRC unit* at Hammersmith. Gray introduced her to Stephen Pelc, and so began one of those fruitful partnerships, where people with complementary skills combine to produce outstanding work.

Pelc, a physicist, had developed an elegant photographic method, which made it possible to examine the chemical activity of single cells. She, with her background in genetics, realized the potential importance of DNA. (This was before the discovery of the Double Helix.) Together, they traced the connexion between DNA synthesis and the division of a cell.

After some initial opposition, their work was universally accepted, and their nomenclature for the phases of the cell cycle is to be found in every textbook of cell biology. Their discoveries stimulated the development of a new branch of science, now called cell kinetics.

After the breakup of the Hammersmith Unit in 1953, she wished to rejoin Gray, but this did not come about until 1956, when the new Radiobiology Unit at Mount Vernon Hospital was completed. In 1963, she was made Head of Radiobiology at the Paterson Laboratories in Manchester, and in 1966 became deputy director.

In addition to her scientific skills, Alma Howard had a capacity for sheer hard work, which made her a natural choice for performing the administrative chores which many scientists prefer to avoid, such as the organization of the *Radiation Research Conference* in Harrogate in 1962.

She retired in 1976, but continued to do editorial work, despite the onset of multiple sclerosis, and problems with her eyesight. When told that she had cancer, she faced the situation with iron resolve until she died, tended by friends in their home.

In 1958 she married Michael Ebert (later head of Radiation Chemistry at the Paterson Laboratories) and together they created a remarkable world in their house in Chinley, until his death.

MISS NORAH HOULT

Miss Norah Hoult, who has died in Dublin at the age of 86, was a novelist and short stroy writer whose works maintained a consistent reputation for readability and for accuracy of delineation of character and background over the years.

In her earlier days she had been compared with Gissing and indeed her depiction of a world in which women struggle in a demi-monde somewhere between shabby gentility and the gutter is reminiscent of his relentless naturalism.

Poor Women (1928) was her first work, a group of stories featuring as protagonists, prostitutes, estranged wives, maids and faded gentlewomen. This attracted attention for a certain unforced grimness which nevertheless involved considerable sympathy on Miss Hoult's part, for her subject.

Time Gentlemen Time! invaded the male preserve of the pub, a foray a little less to be expected from a lady novelist then, than now, and was a convincing portrait of the terminal phases of the life of an habitual drunkard, especially successful in its evocation of such matters as the rediculous solemnity with which the collective male ritual of self destructive consumption of alcohol is conducted.

These themes continued in her later work; some of which was set in her native Dublin, though there were odd froays into such places as the American South, as in *Smilin' on the Vine* (1941) and *Augusta Steps Out* (1942) where Miss Hoult struck a comic, picaresque vein.

Later titles included *Farmer Hone and the Television Set* (1956), *Father and Daughter* (1957), *Husband and Wife* (1959), and more recently, *Only Fools and Horses Work* (1969), *Nor For Our Sins Alone* (1972) and *Two Girls In the Big Smoke*. (1977).

Mr Edward Sokoine, Prime Minister of Tanzania from 1977 to 1980 and again since February, 1983, died in a road accident on April 12.

Sir John Pendrill Charles, KCVO, MC, a partner in the solicitors' firm of Allen & Overy from 1947 to 1978, and a well-known man in the City, died on April 9 at the age of 69.

THE ARTS

Cinema

A powerful sense of creeping pollution

Silkwood (15)
Odeon Leicester Square

Greystoke (PG)
Warner Leicester Square

The Golden Seal (PG)
ABC Shaftesbury Avenue; Classics Oxford Street, Haymarket

Loose Connections (PG)
Classics Oxford Street, Haymarket

The American cinema stays faithful to its public in enshrining the communal dreams and nightmares; so we should not be surprised at the resurgence of the related themes of nuclear terror and ecological nature myth. **Silkwood**, which represents Mike Nichols's return to direction, nine years after *The Fortune*, is one of the best to date in the first category. It re-enacts a *cause célèbre* of 1974, when Karen Silkwood, a worker in the Kerr-McGee plutonium processing plant in Oklahoma, died mysteriously, as she was seeking to publicize the company's careless handling of radioactive materials.

Since the story precludes ordinary dramatic solutions (there can be neither surprise nor solution to the ending), Nichols and his scenarists (Nora Ephron and Alice Arlen) borrow and improve upon the strategy of soap opera and engage the audience in the small daily adventures and sentiments of a rural community, ordinary enough, but conditioned at every move by the neo-feudal demands of the Corporation. Karen's own life is messy, with a divorced common-law husband and kids somewhere in the Texas background. She shares a house with two co-workers (Kurt Russell and Cher) both of whom are casually in love with her. The people at the plant are the same unaccountable mixture of backbiting and comradeship as working colleagues anywhere.

Karen is played by Meryl Streep, who proves what a ranging actress she is. She is transformed into a working girl, gum-chewing, badly dressed, indelibly marked by undereducation and underprivilege. When Karen turns activist it is not the outcome of miraculous political illumination, but simply gutsy spirit and an innate instinct for fairness.

The special force of the film is the sense of creeping pollution that Nichols and the writers create, with the collaboration of a fine cinematographer, Miroslav Ondricek. The contamination is not confined to the nuclear plant: we are constantly aware of cigarette smoke, junk food, the filth of the oil refineries in Karen's Texas home. The romantic Oklahoma skyline which opens the film seems to represent our last forlorn glimpse of a world that was.

Tarzan has been the most potent and profitable nature myth since 1912. **Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes** is adapted by Michael Austin and "P. H. Vazak" (Robert Towne, who preferred a psuedonym on the credits) from Edgar Rice Burroughs's first Tarzan novel, which relates how the grandson and heir of Lord Greystoke is brought up by apes in the African jungle after his parents have perished there. Tarzan is brought back to claim his inheritance, but, after a good look around aristocratic early-century Britain, decides he prefers to return to the jungle – a wise decision since it made possible 25 further Tarzan novels.

This is Hugh Hudson's second film, following his auspicious debut with *Chariots of Fire*. In the later stages of production there were much-publicized problems over reducing Hudson's version to manageable length. The most evident symptoms of drastic cutting are a bewilderingly inconsequential middle episode and the appearance on the credit titles of characters and actors who make only fleeting and mysterious appearances.

There appear, too, vestigial remains of some more explicit philosophical or political intent: old Lord Greystoke, having been presented as a lovable aristocratic buffoon, becomes enigmatically sinister as he reveals to his grandson that the wall that surrounds the great estate is "to keep Them out and Us in" and exhorts him to keep hold of their possessions "whatever you have to do".

Moments like this keep us guessing in an otherwise uncomplicated adventure story, uncomfortably broken into two barely connected halves, and with more action than real progression. The major assets of the film are the visual splendours of the Cameroon forests and of Floors Castle, whose exuberance no film-maker has previously had the imagination to exploit. This, too, was the last performance of Ralph Richardson, who enriches the film with his miraculous ease both in comedy and pathos. The newest Tarzan is Christopher Lambert, a Duke of Edinburgh lookalike of French origin; the amiable Apes are remarkable costume creations by Rick Baker.

The Golden Seal is an ecology fable, attractive for its directness and simplicity, of epic style. Set in the Aleutian Islands, it relates how a small boy finds a golden seal – since the dawn of time a symbol for the Aleuts of the harmony of man and nature. In our times only the child understands enough to defend the animal from slaughter by a corrupted society, of which his own father and the Aleuts themselves are part. Directed, with a real feeling for the spectacle of nature, by Frank Zuniga (who made *Adventures of the Wilderness Family, Part II*), the acting is matched to the uncomplicated and unembarrassed sentiment. The film is a rarity indeed – the ideal family film for the holiday period.


Gutsy spirit: Meryl Streep in *Silkwood*

Loose Connections is the kind of small-scale British production that can be fatally overshadowed in a week of big commercial releases – pictures like *Greystoke* whose budgets may be fifty times greater. It would be a pity in this case, first because the film is at least as attractive and enjoyable as most blockbusters, but also because it represents a production initiative by the National Film Finance Corporation – Britain's one lifeline of official support for cinema – in collaboration with the debuting Virgin Films.

Directed by Richard Eyre from a brisk, ironic script by Maggie Brooks, a National Film School graduate, it is a rarity: a comic "road" film. Instead of mooning about in search of their souls, this odd couple (Stephen Rea, Lindsay Duncan) motoring through Germany bicker their way through successive catastrophes and fleeting affection. She is a no-nonsense feminist on her way to a women's conference; he is a mendacious, chauvinist slob aiming to support Liverpool in Munich.

It is light-hearted, and does not aspire to facile judgments or conclusions about the battle of the sexes. Some of the comedy, both verbal and visual, falls short of the mark: the polish on comedy costs money after all. Invariably though the day is saved by Rea, a lovely character comic with the melancholy look of an elderly spaniel who has left his glasses at home.

David Robinson

Dance

Imagery shaped out of music

Royal Ballet
Covent Garden

It has taken the Royal Ballet a long time to discover Jiří Kylián's choreography, although he was a graduate student at its school. Fourteen years after his first ballet was shown in London, and trailing in the wake of companies all over the world (including Kylián's own Netherlands Dance Theatre), Covent Garden on Wednesday presented the ballet he made under the impact of John Cranko's death, *Return to the Strange Land*.

It is set for only six dancers, never more than three on stage at once, to piano music by Kylián's compatriot Janáček. Stylistically, it follows the two preferences that inform all Kylián's choreography: no dances without meaning, but no stories in dance. Emotions are implied in the dances as clearly and allusively as in the score, which is a composite of the two-movement *1.10.1905* and single sections from two cycles, *The Overgrown Path* and *In the Mists*.

The opening *pas de trois*, for instance, has Wayne Eagling and Stephen Sheriff hurtling round the stage, then in turn falling to complete their journey rolling fast while Alessandra Ferri leaps over them. It is the kind of image (flight, confrontation, collapse) that often occurs in ballets about death, but transformed here from the usual mime to vivid, exciting dance.

Many other images stick firm in the memory, among them Ferri (ending a duet with Eagling) supported in space by curling herself around the upraised legs of her supine partner. Or the way Bryony Brind hangs away from Julian Hosking in their duet, and how her body stretches and contracts as she lies across Hosking's and Jay Jolley's shoulders to start the final section.

But the flow of Kylián's invention makes all these and many other striking moments part of a continuous process of implication that takes its shape from the music. Kylián's own design for the work is austere but entirely adequate: brown tights for the first trio, blue for the second, a row of autumn leaves forming a low barrier across the back of the stage. With Jennifer Tipton's marvellously sympathetic lighting, the space looks bigger than usual but the choreography, even with so few dancers, makes full use of it.

Fluent and wistful: Antoinette Sibley (top) and David Wall in *Fleeting Figures*

The evening's other new production, by contrast, looks amazingly cluttered. *Fleeting Figures* is the first big-scale creation for the Royal Ballet by Derek Deane, one of their principal dancers; it comes after several party pieces for the Royal Ballet's dancers and others, and some ballets abroad, mainly for the National Ballet of Zimbabwe. Deane has a flair for making duets which always look effective, displaying the dancers' skills with smooth grace, although in retrospect it is not always easy to distinguish one from another. In the new work he again composes very largely for couples, although the patterns are often doubled, quadrupled, or multiplied by five, eight or ten to utilize a larger cast.

The score he has chosen is by another Czech composer: the pretty, graceful and innocuous Serenade for Strings by Josef Suk. To it, Deane has made graceful, innocuous and pretty dances. They are performed against an innocuous, pretty and graceful background by Mathilde Sandberg: a sort of brown, vorticist landscape (where did that influence creep in?) which for one movement changes to a pattern of what might be overhead girders.

This is not a work that is going to start new trends or cause a great stir, but it achieves very competently what it sets out to do, within the limits of Suk's pleasant but understandably unfamiliar music (it is perhaps significant that two of the four movements carry the marking "non troppo").

The cast is led by Antoinette Sibley and David Wall, graciously fluent and wistful in the Adagio, with Jay Jolley partnering young Maria Almeida as the other featured couple who take the first Allegro. Almeida, standing in for the injured Lesley Collier, holds her own ably against this strong competition. The rest of the cast comprises four tall couples seen mostly with Sibley and Wall, and four shorter couples to support the other pair, with everyone joining in the outer movements.

The programme opened with a revival of *Agon*. The Royal Ballet has had several of Balanchine's ballets, including this one, in its repertory from time to time, but has not maintained a regular performing tradition of them and anyway has generally seemed more comfortable in his earlier works. Consequently, in spite of John Taras's presence to stage it, the production is only intermittently gripping. Bryony Brind is the most convincing of the soloists and Jonathan Cope looks so good in the ensemble that he deserves to be more prominently cast.

Like the company's other new productions this season, the programme uses only a fraction of the company: a total of just 31 dancers all evening. A bit worrying, that.

John Percival

Concert

Philharmonia/Rattle
Festival Hall/Radio 3

One of many fascinating things to emerge from the recently published correspondence between Schoenberg and Kandinsky (Faber) is the musician's distrust of "construction". What he sought was rather "the rendering of an inner vision", the creation not of artistic solutions but of new puzzles, unmediated by the reasoning mind.

But of course the distinction he proposes, between intellect and instinct, can never be absolute, and, as Simon Rattle reminded us on Wednesday in a frighteningly clear projection of the Five Orchestral Pieces, Op16, the more closely instinctive emotion is pursued, the more completely intellectual form unveils itself.

Nothing in Schoenberg's output seems more "the rendering of an inner vision" than this opus: the middle piece, though he described it as an impression of morning light on a lake, has exactly the unblinking gaze, sorrowfully appealing yet also, acutely challenging, of the "visions" he sought at this time to put on canvas, several of which are reproduced in the Faber volume. When working with sound, however, he was too much the musician to be able to avoid creating networks of motivic relation and symmetry, which stood out glistening in Wednesday's performance.

The shape of the first movement, for instance, revealed itself through Mr Rattle's quick grasp of the fragments of melody that suddenly appear for half a dozen notes and then are gone, his treatment of the ostinatos as the nasty inhuman objects they surely should be, and his penetration of the often complex textures. This was that rare thing, a Schoenberg performance without mud, and without a Boulezian straight-jacketed beat. No wonder a capacity audience was moved to loud applause.

I hope all those who came for the Schoenberg stayed on for the Mahler in the second half, for Mr Rattle went on to give an overwhelming performance of the "Resurrection" Symphony. Again it was a matter of expressive impulse creating its own stark structure, if sometimes at the expense of the composer's tempo gradations. The first movement was quick, but seemed the quicker for Mr Rattle's sharp pointing of it as a chain of ever larger and more comprehensive introductions to the main business of the work, with a quite horrendous hammering at the great nihilistic climax (has music ever been made blacker than in these bars?).

The ending was in the same measure exultant, benefitting from strong and generous if wobbly singing from Florence Quivar in "Urlicht" as well as from Alison Hargan's spiritualized purity and the Philharmonia Chorus's ringing power. At the end of a taxing evening it was probably inevitable that there should be a few orchestral blemishes. And we perhaps needed them to remind us we were not really in heaven.

Paul Griffiths

Theatre

Camille
Other Place, Stratford

Compared with her original piece on *Piaf*, Pam Gems's adaptation of *La Dame aux Camélias* may sound like a pot-boiler, but the two amount to companion studies of destitute women who battled their way into money and fame. In a sense, *Camille* is the more remarkable achievement, as it offers a no less hard-headed examination of sexual economics while simultaneously reclaiming the cliché of the tart with a heart of gold.

Like much of Ms Gems's work, it presents its argument through contradiction and surprise. The first sight we get of the heroine consists of a brutally alienating contrast between her public and private life: sweeping into an elegant clients' party and casting a spell of fastidious sweetness over the enraptured Armand, and then *immediately transformed into a* demon in *déshabillé*, hurling abuse at a thieving servant and clawing her down to the floor. Neither scene gives you the luxury of judging her: only of registering the direct connexion between the delicate life she enjoys and the means by which she maintains it.

A more subtle and painful example comes a few scenes later where she interrupts a game with her little boy to receive a wealthy lover. The stage empties and darkens, the ancient lover totters on, and she at once slips into his favourite bedroom game of treating him as a little boy who has to be punished.


Frances Barber, radiating emotional generosity

Camille does not sustain this method once the Armand affair has got into its stride; but by then you have learnt the rules of her life and had time to grow fond of her little court and even some of its clients, particularly Charles Millham's gauche young Swede with his seven castles and besotted attachment to the dimmest of the girls. When Camille is briefly left alone to rustle round her gilded salon and burst into ecstatic comment on "my lovely things", she has your sympathy in spite of the social ostracism, disease and knitting needles in the background.

Disease is the one fictional element in Dumas's scheme which Ms Gems has failed to translate into economic fact. In the long bedroom scene Camille sensibly blocks every attempt Armand makes to remove her from her business life until she goes into a paroxysm of coughing and weakly agrees to quit Paris for the virtuous pastoral retreat.

In that sense, the piece remains the tubercular romance it always was rather than a tragedy. But, given the quality of Ron Daniels's production, you hardly notice the difference. The deathly eroticism of Liszt's B minor Sonata (Liszt being one of the original Marie Duplessis's lovers) adds a powerful sense of romantic agony.

Nicholas Farrell's Armand belongs entirely to that world: a man obsessed by the attachment as the only escape from his personal ugliness, clamping his eyes on her like manacles, and seeking to build the relationship into one of comradeship transcending the sexual conventions of the period.

Given such a Camille as Frances Barber you can fully credit his obsession. What she presents is the portrait of a bewitchingly skilled courtesan discarding everything she has learnt in favour of an alternative way of life. She radiates emotional generosity, as naturally as breathing, but her original self is there until the end: discarded and sobbing on the floor, but arising to receive a fat Russian prince and automatically picking up the old routine while in the act of dying.

Irving Wardle

Television

Sinful stability

Some South Africans call it "sin city": Mr Sol Kerzner, prime mover in its establishment, prefers his "Sun City" for this super-Butlin's established with imported soil on the volcanic scrubland in the South African homeland, Bophuthatswana. BBC2's **Forty Minutes** gave us a tour last night.

South Africa forbids gambling, so 50,000 people flock to Sun City weekly to let down their hair and their principles, for not only do Blacks and Whites lose money together but there are no "Whites Only" signs. Apartheid is illegal, some compensation for a puppet state, unrecognized by the world, whose 2,500,000 inhabitants have no passports and are economically dependent on their forbidding southern parent.

But, said Mr Kerzner, it was a stable country, otherwise millions could not have been invested. Bophuthatswana received 50 per cent of the profit. He thought his operation was of international significance. An African chief indicated that Mr Kerzner's creation showed Africans some things they might well do without. International stage and golf stars go there to perform and, perhaps, leave some of their fees on the tables. Happy Mr Kerzner. A good, bizarre little programme from the producer Ann Paul.

Channel 4's **Survive** is a timely new series if only because it demonstrates how much worse things could be. We saw Canadian Air Force personnel learning that technology is not enough when you are stranded in the Arctic, a man and his three children who survived shipwreck in Alaska's worst weather, and a pilot, Marten Hartwell, who ate human flesh to survive when his plane crashed. He was subsequently devoured by the media. If there were a next time, he thought he would just stretch out and die. Good, tough, unusual stuff from the director Nick Downe, who also photographed it.

Dennis Hackett

FT – ACTUARIES INDICES	
INDUSTRIAL GROUP	552.01 (520.13)
500 SHARE INDEX	571.09 (568.38)
EARNINGS YIELD	9.62% (9.66%)
DIVIDEND YIELD	4.21% (4.23%)
P.E. RATIO (NET)	12.81 (12.76)
ALL SHARE INDEX	526.56 (524.32)
DIVIDEND YIELD	4.38% (4.39%)

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities steady, gilts neglected

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began. April 9. Dealings End. April 27. § Contango Day. April 30. Settlement Day. May 8
§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

FT STOCK INDICES	
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES	82.66 (82.68)
FIXED INTEREST	86.46 (86.43)
INDUSTRIAL ORDINARY	888.5 (888.1)
GOLD MINES	580.70 (568.3)
ORDINARY DIVIDEND YIELD	4.34% (4.35%)
EARNINGS YIELD	9.89% (9.93%)
P.E. RATIO (NET)	12.23 (12.18)
P.E. RATIO (NIL)	11.80 (11.56)

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS

1983/84 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
104¾	100½	Exch	14% 1984	100½	-1/32	13.933	8.709
98⅔	92¼	Exch	3% 1984	98⅔	+1/32	3.033	9.145
102¾	100⅝	Treas	12% 1984	101⅛	+1/16	11.845	8.774
107⅞	104¾	Treas	15% 1985	104⅝	+1/16	14.337	9.164
107	101	Exch Cv	12% 1985	102⅝	+1/16	11.714	9.187
94⅞	88¾	Treas	3% 1985	94⅞	+⅛	3.177	8.417
103⅝	99½	Treas	11½% 1985	102⅝	+1/16	11.240	9.473
102	95½	Treas C	8¼% 1985	99	+⅛	8.838	9.496
104⅝	100⅝	Exch	12¼% 1985	103⅝	+1/16	11.828	9.759
103⅝	99¼	Exch	11¾% 1986	103¼	+1/16	11.380	9.768
102¾	98⅝	Treas C	10% 1986	101	+⅛	9.901	9.434
90¼	85¾	Treas	3% 1986	89⅝	● ..	3.355	8.633
102	97¼	Exch C	10½% 1986	101⅛	● ..	10.384	9.903
104¼	100	Treas	12% 1986	103⅝	+3/16	11.580	10.062
98⅝	94⅜	Treas	8½% 1984-86	97½	..	8.718	9.765
87¼	84½	Exch	2½% 1986	85¾	..	2.915	8.740
109½	105⅛	Exch	14% 1986	108⅝	●+1/16	12.896	10.089
107⅝	103⅝	Exch	13¼% 1987	107¼	+1/16	12.359	10.203
100⅞	95⅞	Treas C	10¼% 1987	100⅝	+⅛	10.232	10.150
86⅛	80¼	Exch	2½% 1987	84¼	+1/16	2.968	8.848
101⅝	95¾	Exch	10½% 1987	100½	+1/16	10.447	10.297
93	88	Fund	6½% 1985-87	91⅜	● ..	7.113	9.852
99⅝	97⅞	Treas	10% 1987	99⅝	+1/16	10.085	10.338
85	80⅛	Treas	3% 1987	83⅛	+1/16	3.606	9.126
105	99⅞	Treas	12% 1987	104⅝	●+1/16	11.469	10.400
95	89⅞	Treas	7¾% 1985-88	93¼	..	8.311	9.922
101⅝	95	Exch	10½% 1988	100⅝	●+⅛	10.480	10.383
106	96⅝	Treas IL	2% 1988	103⅝	..	..	4.444
98½	95⅞	Treas C	9¾% 1988	97⅞	+⅛	9.962	10.372
82	75¾	Trans	3% 1978-88	79⅝	..	3.768	8.905
99	91	Treas	9½% 1988	96⅝	●+1/16	9.839	10.466

MEDIUMS

1983/84 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
106⅝	96	Treas	11½% 1989	103⅝	+1/16	11.097	10.509
103⅝	95	Treas	10½% 1989	102⅝	..	10.574	10.666
100¼	96⅝	Exch	10% 1989	99⅞	..	10.346	10.827
85	76⅝	Treas	5% 1986-89	81¼	..	6.155	9.453
114	103	Treas	13% 1990	111⅛	-⅛	11.985	10.962
91	87¾	Treas	IL 2% 1990	90¼	..	..	4.186
110½	101	Exch	12½% 1990	107⅞	-⅛	11.708	10.910
93	86¾	Treas	8¼% 1987-90	92½	-⅛	9.206	10.583
108¼	97	Treas	11¾% 1991	106½	-⅛	11.368	11.017
83¾	74¾	Fund	5¾% 1987-91	79⅝	..	7.238	9.900
105¾	96	Exch	11% 1991	100½	●-⅛	10.917	10.845

MONEY MARKETS

Clearing Banks Base Rate 8½%

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: High 9 Low 8

Week Fixed: 8 7/16-8½

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	8 11/32	2 months	8 11/32
3 months	8 11/32	3 months	8⅜

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

1 month	8 17/32-8 13/32	1 month	9 1/32
2 months	8 15/32-8 7/16	2 months	9 1/32
3 months	8 15/16-8⅞	3 months	9 1/32
6 months	8 25/32-8 23/32	6 months	9⅛

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	9¼-9⅛	7 months	9⅝-9½
2 months	9¼-9⅛	8 months	9⅝-9½
3 months	9¼-9⅛	9 months	9⅝-9½
4 months	9¼-9⅛	10 months	9⅝-9½
5 months	9⅜-9¼	11 months	9⅝-9½
6 months	9⅜-9¼	12 months	9⅝-9½

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	8 17/32-8⅞	6 months	9-8 15/16
3 months	8⅞-8 13/16	12 months	9 5/32-9⅛

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	8½	3 months	8¾
7 days	8½	6 months	9
1 month	8½	1 year	9¼

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 8⅞-8½ Close 10

1 week	8⅞-8½	6 months	9¼-9 1/16
1 month	8⅝-8⅞	9 months	9 5/16-9¼
3 months	8 15/16-8 13/16	12 months	9⅝-9 5/16

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 8 15/16 - 6 months 9⅛

Finance House Base Rate 9½%

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

	Market rates (day's range) April 12	Market rates (close) April 12	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.4285-1.4400	$1.4305-1.4315	0.22-0.27c disc	0.73-0.78c disc
Montreal	$1.8270-1.8390	$1.8280-1.8290	0.22-0.32c disc	0.83-0.93c disc
Amsterdam	4.22-4.25½fl	4.22¾-4.23¾fl	1⅛-⅝c prem	3-2½c prem
Brussels	76.45-77.00f	76.50-76.60f	15-25c disc	49-59c disc
Copenhagen	13.76-13.81k	13.76½-13.77½k	182-285ore disc	448-560ore disc
Dublin	1.2230-1.2290p	1.2250-1.2260p	35-45p disc	113-126p disc
Frankfurt	3.74-3.76½m	3.74¾-3.75¾m	1¼-⅞pf prem	3¼-2⅝pf prem
Lisbon	*190.00-191.50e*	*190.00-190.50e*	*135-345c disc*	*455-1040c disc*
Madrid	213.00-214.25p	213.15-213.35p	135-155c disc	440-475c disc
Milan	2320-2330lr	2322½-2324½lr	12¾-14¾lr disc	42½-44½lr disc
Oslo	10.78-10.84k	10.79-10.80k	380-484ore disc	1154-1257ore disc
Paris	11.51-11.56½f	11.53-11.54f	3¼-4¼c disc	12½-14½c disc
Stockholm	11.13½-11.16½k	11.13½-11.14½k	136-232ore disc	475-578ore disc
Tokyo	320-323y	320½-321½y	0.69-0.57y prem	2.00-1.88y prem
Vienna	26.30-26.45sch	26.30-26.35sch	5-3gro prem	16-12gro prem
Zurich	3.10-3.12½f	3.10-3.11½f	1½-1c prem	4¼-3¾c prem

Effective exchange rate compared to 1975, was 80.1 unchanged.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

* Ireland	1.1685-1.1693
÷ Canada	1.2781-1.2784
Netherlands	2.9540-2.9560
Belgium	53.58-53.63
Denmark	9.60-9.67
West Germany	2.6190-2.6205
Portugal	132.50-133.50
Spain	149.40-149.60
Italy	1623-1625
Norway	7.5325-7.5425
France	8.06-8.07
Sweden	7.78-7.79
Japan	224.05-224.15
Austria	18.43-18.45
Switzerland	2.1715-2.1730

* Ireland quoted in US currency.
÷ Canada $1 : US $0.7825-0.7828

OTHER MARKETS

Australia	1.5420-1.5640
Bahrein	0.5390-0.5430
Finland	8.0145-8.0545
Greece	148.05-150.05
Hongkong	11.1790-11.2290
Iran	n.a.
Kuwait	0.4205-0.4245
Malaysia	3.27-3.30
Mexico	250-275
New Zealand	2.1560-2.1760
Saudi Arabia	5.0345-5.0745
Singapore	2.9750-3.0050
South Africa	1.7720-1.7870

EURO-$ DEPOSITS

(%) calls, 9¾-10¼; seven days, 10¼-10½; one month, 10 1/16-10 5/16; three months, 10 11/16-10 13/16; six months, 11-11⅛.

GOLD

Gold fixed: am, $382.10 (an ounce); pm, $381.80 close, $378.50-379 (£264.25-264.75).
Krugerrand* (per coin): $389.50-391 (£272-273).
Sovereigns* (new): $88.50-89.50 (£61.75-62.50).
* Excludes VAT

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES

Rubber in £s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil in US $ per metric ton.

RUBBER
May 805-70
June 810-75
Jul Sep 816-15
Oct/Dec 844-43
Jan Mar 864-63
Aug Jul 887-81
Jul Sep 910-00
Oct/Dec 933-10
Vol: 25
Tone: Very quiet.

SUGAR
May 165.20-65.00
Aug 178.40-78.20
Oct 189.20-89.00
Dec 198.00-96.00
May 216.60-16.40
May 224.20-23.20
Aug 233.00-32.00
Vol. 3.076

COCOA
May 1771-68
Jul 1776-75
Sep 1769-67
Dec 1736-35
Mar 1727-25
May 1730-20
Jly 1730-28
Vol: 4.637

COFFEE
May 2038-2037
Jul 1997-1996
Sep 1980-1978
Nov 1962-1960
Jan 1917-1915
Mar 1860-1859
May 1822-1818
Vol. 5.030

GAS OIL
Apl 247.50-47.00
May 244.25-44.00
Jun 243.00-42.50
Jly 242.75-42.50
Aug 245.25-44.50
Sep 248.00-47.25
Oct 251.00-49.50
Nov 254.00-50.00
Dec 260.00-52.00
Vol: 977

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices.
Official turnover figures.
Prices in pounds per metric ton
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE
Cash 1067.00-1068.00
Three months 1082.50-1083.00
T/O 5400
Tone: Barely steady.

STANDARD CATHODES
Cash 1063.00-1065.00
Three months 1075.00-1077.00
T/O 200
Tone: Quiet.

TIN STANDARD
Cash 8710-8712
Three months 8726-8728
T. O. 680
Tone: Steady.

TIN HIGH-GRADE
Cash 8760-8768
Three months 8755-8760
T O: 60
Tone: Steadier

LEAD
Cash 326.00-327.00
Three months 331.50-332.00
T. O: 4,650

ZINC
Cash 690.00-692.00
Three months 683.00-684.00
T. O. 4,800
Tone: Barely steady

SILVER LARGE
Cash 634.0-636.0
Three months 648.0-649.0
T. O: 21
Tone: Easy.

SILVER SMALL
Cash 634.0-635.0
Three months 649.0-650.0
T. O. Nil
Tone: Idle.

ALUMINIUM
Cash 949.50-950.50
Three months 969.00-969.50
T/O: 7,000
Tone: Easier

NICKEL
Cash 3425-3435
Three months 3500-3505
T. O: 330
Tone: Barely Steady

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET
In US $ per oz.
Apl 381.80-382.80
Jun 387.40-387.60
Aug 394.20-394.50
Oct 400.90-401.50
Dec 407.80-408.50
Feb 414.70-418.00
Vol: 481
Tone: Quietly Steady

LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL FUTURES
Rudolf Wolff Financial Services Ltd.

Mnth	Vol	Setlmt
YEN		
Jun'84	29	4502
Sept		4550
Comment: Hesitant.		
STERLING		
Jun'84	239	1.4395
Sept		1.4468
Dec		1.4850
Comment: Meeting support.		
D-MARK		
Jun'84	22	3858
Sept		3907
Comment: Steady		
SWISS FRANC		
Jun'84	11	4664
Sept		4744
Comment: Slightly weaker		
EURODOLLARS		
Jun'84	3634	8914
Sept	441	8868
Dec	60	8827
Mar'84		8789
June'85		8759
Comment: Firmer		
SHORT STERLING		
Jun'84	664	9108
Sept	112	9077
Dec	287	9054
Mar'85	33	9028
June'85		9006
Comment: Steady.		
GILTS		
Jun'84	1849	10807
Sept	2	10719
Dec'84		10631
Mar'85		10611
Comment: Drifting.		

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 23:
GB: Cattle, 101.08p per kg lw (+1.18).
GB: Sheep, 262.97p per kg est d c w (+24.44).
GB: Pigs, 90.44p per kg lw (-0.04).

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. up 38.8 per cent, ave. price, 101.05p (+0.36).
Sheep nos. up 2.7 per cent, ave. price, 263.86p (+21.68).
Pig nos. up 35.8 per cent, ave. price, 90.36p (-0.04).

Scotland:
Cattle nos. up 36.5 per cent, ave. price, 101.16p (+3.84).
Sheep nos. up 15.6 per cent, ave. price, 250.78p (+32.35).

● Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. e Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
Brrnt Inv £1 Ord (a)	143
Burmalex 10p Ord (155)	162
CPS Computer 20p Ord (67a)	135
Chart J Roths Pac Inv 25p Ord	96
Cambium Venture 5p Ord	30¼
Denman's Electrical 25p Ord (162a)	170
Dewey Warren Hldgs 10p Ord (a)	115+2
Formdesign 20p Ord (114a)	135
Havelock Europa 10p Ord (75a)	88
Horne Robert Group 20p Ord	112+1
Do "A" NV (At 156 per unit a)	168-1
Meadow Farm 10p Ord (130a)	151+5
Norbain Electronics 5p Ord (116a)	135
Nth Sea & Gen Oil £1 Ord (125a)	115+7
Our Price 20p Ord (215)	225+2
Petranol 10p Ord (215)	310+2
Platon Int 25p Ord (120a)	148+2
Powerline Int 5p Ord (160a)	248+5
Scantronic Hldgs 2½p Ord (78a)	118
Systems Reliability 10p Ord (210)	470
Tod W & J 5p Ord (143a)	178

Issue price in parentheses a Unlisted Securities. * by tender.

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THE TIMES
FINANCE AND INDUSTRY
Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Midland's California nightmare drags on

Midland Bank's Californian nightmare still seems to be getting more gruesome, rather than dissolving in a new dawn.

Following bad debt provisions, which produced a $57m (£40m) loss in the last quarter of 1983, the 57 per cent owned Crocker has made another $147m debt provision for the first quarter of this year, leaving a loss of $121m (£84). This is partly due to decisions by the new management put in by Midland, and now headed by Mr Frank Cahouet from neighbouring Security Pacific, after taking a hard look at the loan portfolio. Unfortunately, it also reflects a further worsening of the California credit scene, the collapse of a big customer in the energy business and more problems among farming and property customers, that have pushed another $100m of loans into the "non-performing" category this year.

The problems at Crocker have already dragged down Midland's own consolidated profit to £225m last year, lower than any of the previous three years, let alone the £315m of 1979. Dividend prospects have been soured. Worse, perhaps, in a finance industry where to deal is now unthinkable, the combination of Crocker's problems and the Budget deferred tax blows have left Midland the lowest valued of the big four banks at less than £900m and hence with an apparently lower market worth than Charterhouse J Rothschild plus Hambro Life. Mr Geoffrey Taylor, Midland's chief executive, was not obviously looking over his shoulder yesterday as he pointed to the group's book asset value of £1.9 billion, although that still includes Crocker at $52 per share compared with the average purchase price of $67 and yesterday's market price of only $25. Both Crocker and Midland itself, he insists, have adequate capital bases. The Budget treatment of deferred tax on easing and the latest Crocker Losses take Midland's capital asset ration down from 4.6 per cent to something over four per cent, which would still appear relatively healthy.

Mr Cahouet and his team are now clearly taking drastic action, including "reducing our investment in headquarters buildings" and praying no doubt that Argentina will stay in the debt fold to stop another $185m of loans joining the $880m out of Crocker's $16.2 billion loan portfolio which are now "non-performing". This is more than emergency surgery. They are cutting costs and overheads to give Crocker a better profit earning potential than in the past. If, as hoped, bad debt provisions return to a more normal level, Crocker could start showing a profit in some later quarters, though Mr Taylor concedes that Crocker is unlikely to show a profit for 1984 as a whole.

Can Midland, therefore, now afford to sweat it out in California and wait for the good work to show through? That would be sanguine. One question clearly relevant to Midland's boardroom deliberations is whether 57 per cent of Crocker, even with management control, is any longer a happy or healthy position?

"You have only to look at Shell's recent activity to answer that question" says Mr Taylor. "Royal Dutch/Shell is trying to buy out the US minority in Shell Oil. Crocker's outside shareholders may no longer be shielded from the bank's problems. The quarterly payment has so far been halved and the Crocker board has said it will review dividend payments have prudently been made".

If the dividend is axed, which would hardly count as oppressing a minority, Midland might find a receptive audience for a take-out bid that would, as the euphemists put it, average out the purchase cost of Crocker and give *Midland full control and the flexibility* it *needs now as never before*. It is also inescapably true that Midland itself is vulnerable, in its present low market state, to ambitious predators. The question might be: "Can Midland rely on ex-clearing banker Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton maintaining the Bank of England principle that major British clearing bankers are now immune from takeover?"

Institutional investors welcome Liffe index

The London International Financial Futures Exchange (Liffe) has produced a promotional viedo to publicize its new UK Equity Index contract which begins trading on May 3. Pension fund managers already seem to be sold on the idea. Both Mr George Dennis (*Post Office*) and Mr Tony Smith (British Gas) are there on tape extolling the virtues of a contract which gives investors the opportunity to bet on the futue performance of the FT Stock Exchange 100 Index. In more seemly words they can hedge against ups and downs *in the market*, be more active in portfolio management, and protect future intended share purchases against an increase in cost.

The size of the contract, £25 for each point of the index, has been designed specifically for institutional investors. As Mr Michael Jenkins, Liffe chief executive points out, if the Exchange had had the small speculator in mind it would have opted for a smaller contract. The tax treatment of futures contracts is still complex and grey enough to deter the British public from seeking to satisfy its insatiable appetite for betting through the new contract. Pension funds are exempt. Life insurance funds mainly pay capital gains. Professional traders and banks pay case I income tax and the poor private investor pays case VI income tax. With the end of the investment income surcharge, the tax position of the private investor is not as bad as it was, but it is still a long way from perfect.

Both Liffe and the Stock Exchange with its new index option want to see the tax position clarified. Both would be satisfied if the private investor were brought into case I, where broadly speaking losses can be offset against gains.

Hard bargaining on non-tariff barriers

If the latest report of the Liberation of Trade in Services Committee (Lotis) is anything to go by, the present drive to break down non-tariff barriers to international trade in services, and particularly financial services, is going to prove a long-running and hard-bargaining saga.

The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, you may recall, asked for investigations by member governments after one of its more stormy and unhelpful Geneva meetings. After the abolition of exchange controls, easing of restrictions at Lloyd's and, now, the Stock Exchange, Britain is relatively pure in this argument.

One of the worst problems is that the pattern of restrictions is so fluid that any international list will be out of date by the time it is printed. Data flow and transfers are major areas for new barriers to free trade in services. Lotis is therefore proposing that Gatt concentrates first on establishing a standstill, with governments voluntarily notifying existing and any new restrictions, and that discussions be initially confined to public sector obstacles rather than the problems of private cartels and clubs.

The other big stumbling block, especially for Britain is that some of our European Community partners – France, West Germany, Italy – are among the most important obstructors. That means there seems little prospect of Europe showing the way by breaking down *barriers to its internal* market. Ironically, the Lotis line is *that acting through the* cumbersome machinery of Gatt, with American muscle, is more likely to put pressure on EEC countries than the other way round.

Banks in talks over $200m Esal Commodities crisis

By Philip Robinson

Seven banks owed a total $200m (£139m) by Esal Commodities are preparing to inject a further $45m into the company as part of a rescue package. Esal Commodities has not traded since January and has its assets frozen by High Court order.

The firm has paid-up capital of just £1m and late last year was having to offer security for loans. The Central Bank of India has a registered charge over a Boeing 707 owned by the company.

None of the original directors are now with the company, which says its troubles started when the Nigerian coup halted payments on imported sugar.

Esal is being run by Mr James Coote, an accountant who has been om the London office for seven weeks and is believed to have been appointed by an associate of an Esal company.

He said yesterday: "It would be premature for me to say anything at the moment. Before Esal, I was a director of an engineering company. Negotiations are at a delicate stage and I am advised by everyone to say nothing."

Leading the negotiations is the Punjab National Bank. It is a significant creditor along with the Central Bank of India, Middle East Bank, Union Bank of India, Oriental Credit, and Johnson Matthey Bankers.

Allied Arab Bank, which is owed $11m, had been holding out against the recue but has now agreed. For it to be effected, Allied Arab would have to obtain High Court permission to withdraw the injunctions granted to it which freeze the Esal assets.

Of the $200m debts, the banks are owed an estimated $160m and 25 trade creditors – many of them London commodity brokers – are owed a total $40m. The current package would raise an equivalent sum.

According to banking sources, the plan is to put in a management team to rum Esal, obtaining business from those past directors who are no longer in Britain and hope that the undisclosed sum owed by Nigeria will be repaid.

Some collateral for the new cash coming in is said to come from "friends of the company and other Esal companies". Trade creditors are unsure whether the banks themselves are fully secured on existing debt. Fresh debt will be mostly unsecured, but the banks may well use the cash to pay off the unsecured creditors and then write off their own exposure.

Esal Commodities was owned by Mr Rajender Singh Sethia. *The Times of India* describes Mr Sethia's interests as spanning the globe but mainly in commodities in third world countries. In India he owns Jokia tea estate. In Britain he also owns betting shops and 150 racehorses.

● WHEELOCK MARITIME INTERNATIONAL: Net loans for 1983, after tax and minorities, but before extraordinaries, $HK60.29m (about £5m), against loss of $HK860,000 last time.

Greenwell dealership

W. Greenwell yesterday became the latest stockbroker to set up an international dealership under the new Stock Exchange rules which came into force on Monday.

But while most have no stated specialiazation, this one is being set up jointly with Gencor Investment Corporation, the South African mining giant, to deal in "natural resource stocks". Mr Gordon Pepper, Greenwell's senior partner, confirmed last night that in practice this would mean gold mining shares.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT-SE 100 Index: 1117.0 up 6.4
High 1117.6 Low 1109.7
FT Index: 888.6 up 2.5
FT Gilts: 82.66 down 0.02
FT All Share: 526.56 up 10.63
Bargains: 25,015
Datastream USM leaders: 113.93 up 1.05
New York: Dow Jones Average: 1127.62 down 3.35
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index: 10,967.15 up 27.71
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index: 1091.41 up 2.51
Amsterdam: 170.2 up 1.2
Sydney: AO Index: 761.1 up 5.4
Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index: 1019.5 up 1.4
Brussels: General Index: 154.05 up 0.54
Paris: CAC Index: 171.4 down 0.8
Zurich: SKA General Index: 310.40 down 0.50

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE

Sterling
$1.4310 down 1 cent
Index 80.1 unchanged
DM 3.7525 down 0.0075
FrF 11.5350 down 0.02
Yen 321 unchanged

Dollar
Index 126.6 up 0.3
DM 2.6180 up 0.0050

NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling $1.4310
Dollar DM 2.6185

INTERNATIONAL
ECU £0.594765
SDR £0.739356

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 8½
Finance houses base rate 9½
Discount market loans week fixed 8⁹⁄₁₆–8½
3 month interbank 8¹⁵⁄₁₆–8¹³⁄₁₆

Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 10¹¹⁄₁₆–10¹³⁄₁₆
3 month DM 5¹¹⁄₁₆–5⁹⁄₁₆
3 month FrF 13½–13⅜

US rates
Bank prime rate 12.00
Fed funds 10⁵⁄₁₆
Treasury long bond 96¹⁵⁄₃₂–96¹⁹⁄₃₂

ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period March 7, 1984 to April 3, 1984 inclusive: 8.976 per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am $382.10 pm $381.90
close $378.50–379 (£264.25–264.75)
New York (latest): $379.10
Krugerrand* (per coin):
$389.50–391 (£272-273)
Sovereigns* (new):
$88.50–89.50 (£61.75–62.50)
*Excludes VAT

Sharp fall in output but trend is better

By Frances Williams
Economics Correspondent

The output of British industry fell sharply and unexpectedly in February, but the underlying trend suggests continued moderate industrial recovery.

Total production (manufacturing and energy) slipped by 1.6 per cent in February, while manufacturing output alone dropped by 1.9 per cent, according to provisional figures from the Central Statistical Office. Metal and car production, which was hit by strikes, showed a steep decline.

INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT
Seasonally adjusted
1980 = 100

	Production industries	Manufacturing
1979	107.4	109.4
1980	100 0	100.0
1981	96.3	93.6
1982	98.0	93.7
1983	100.8	95.4
1983 Q2	99 5	94.1
Q3	101.5	96 0
Q4	102.9	97.1
1984 Jan	104.5	98.7
Feb	102.8	96.8
3 month change %	1.5	1.8

Source: CSO

But substantial upward revisions to earlier figures, of about 1 per cent, have lent support to suggestions that the provisional estimates routinely understate what is happening to output.

On a three-month comparison, the one preferred by official statisticians, Britain's industrial performance looks a good deal healthier. Total production in the three months to February was 1.5 per cent higher than three months earlier

Manufacturing output has risen by 1.8 per cent in the latest three months

The most recent survey by the Confederation of British Industry showed manufacturers more optimistic on output prospects than at any time for eight years.

Data Recording to seek full market listing

By Our City Staff

Data Recording Instrument Company, Europe's largest independent manufacturer and supplier of computer peripherals, VDUs and other systems, and one of the British Technology Group's *most successful* investments, is to seek a full stock market listing in 1987.

The state-backed BTG, which has invested £27m in DRI since 1980, yesterday paved the way for the flotation by selling a 65 per cent stake in the company to a consortium of City banks led by S. G. Warburg & Co.

The new consortium is paying BTG about £10m for its holding and will inject a further £10m into DRI

The existing management of DRI stands to own a maximum 15 per cent stake in the business by 1987.

Last year DRI made operating profits of £4.1m on a turnover of £70m. BTG officials expect the business to have a turnover of about £100m by 1987.

SE ends 250 years as a private club

By William Kay and Wayne Lintott

On the day that the Stock Exchange published its draft proposals for radical changes on the future of the stock market, the Department of Trade and Industry yesterday formally announced the end of the Exchange's 211-year life as a private club.

Instead, it will become a statutory body on January 1, 1985, under draft regulations to implement European Community directives establishing a common system for the listing of securities throughout the 10 member-countries.

The Council of the Stock Exchange will be designated as the British authority competent to apply and administer directive requirements. This role is due to be reinforced by legislation on investor protection, which has been earmarked for 1986.

The Stock Exchange Council's own discussion paper outlines the likely shape of the market once fixed commissions are abandoned at the end of next year. This will fulfil the undertaking given to the DTI last autumn, in return for which the Government exempted the Exchange from the provisions of the Restrictive Practices Act.

The Council formally accepts for the first time that the single capacity jobbing system will have to go. It examines four alternative systems based on the assumption that all member firms will be known as "broker dealers".

Outsiders are to be given a much bigger role than ever before. They will be allowed to own a member firm outright, instead of being confined to a ceiling of 29.9 per cent as at present. But a majority of the directors of member firms must still themselves be members.

New firms are to be admitted through a system of seats or licences, or payments to the Exchange to cover the greater cost of policing the new system.

All executives of member firms will have to be members if they deal or give advice to the public. The directors of limited corporate member firms will be allowed limited liability.

Separate arrangements are being made for the gilt-edged market, which will be dominated by " primary dealers".

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First Leisure at premium

Shares in First Leisure Corporation, headed by Lord Delfont (above), acheived a 20p premium when they made their stock market debut yesterday. Offered for sale at 180p, they shot up to 200p before settling for a closing price of 199p.

The new issue attracted about £350m from investors keen to get share in a group whose interests include the Blackpool Tower and holiday parks.

The offer was oversubscribed 32 times.

Campari pulls out of merger talks

By Andrew Cornelius

Plans to reshape Britain's camping and leisure equipment industry by merging the sales and distribution businesses of Campari International, Blacks Camping and Leisure and Greenfields Leisure have collapsed at a late stage after a decision by Campari to pull out of the talks.

However, Mr Henry Lipton, the chairman of Campari, does not rule out further talks later if satisfactory terms can be agreed. He will give details of takeover approaches for the Campari group in his annual report to shareholders.

The new management team at Blacks Camping and Leisure, which bought 25 Blacks camping shops from the Black & Edgington group last year, is understod to be the driving force behind the merger talks. Mr Lipton decided to hold out against a bid until he was satisfied that a merger would be in the best interests of all parties.

Campari is in the middle of a dramatic recovery after two years of heavy losses. In the 12 months to last November 30, Campari made reduced losses of £155,000.

NEW IN BRIEF

BAe wins jets order

Ansett Transport Industries of Australia has ordered two British Aerospace 146 Regional jet airliners as part of a £28m ($40m) re-equipment programme. The contract includes options for six more aircraft.

● MORGAN CRUCIBLE COMPANY, the international industrial components and materials group, had pretax profits of £9.8m in 1983 up from £4.7m. Turnover increased from £152.5m to £160.3m. The final dividend of 4p makes 7.5p for the year, the same as last time.

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● AUSTIN REED GROUP, the men and womenswear chain, has confirmed that it has passed through its sticky trading patch of two years ago with a second set of record results. Profits increased from £3.3m to £4m in 1983-84.

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● PORTALS REPORT record 1983 results with earnings per share rising by 21 per cent. Sales were ahead by 14 per cent for the 12 months to December 31, at £179m, while pretax profits rose 12 per cent to £16.6m. The proposed final dividend of 11p (9.75p) makes a 1983 total of 17.25p (15.5p).

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Barter fears discounted

By Our Economics Correspondent

Barter between countries, more formally known as "countertrading", represents at most 8 per cent of world trade in goods and poses a smaller threat to the trading system than has been suggested, according to an unpublished study from the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt).

Some private estimates have put the proportion of countertrading – in which a country buys goods on condition that the seller buys its own goods in exchange – as high as 40 per cent.

The study says that evidence suggests that countertrading has grown considerably

Early agreement on key objectives unlikely

New Argentine debt setbacks

From Peter Wilson-Smith, Washington

There is little chance of Argentina signing a new letter of intent with the International Monetary Fund before the end of this month and it will be two months at the very earliest before a programme could be approved by the board, according to monetary sources in Washington.

Argentina and IMF are still at loggerheads over how to implement key objectives such as reducing the public sector deficit and the IMF is understood to be concerned at the nation's relaxed approach to negotiations.

Argentina's already strained relations with commercial bankers also appear to have worsened after a meeting between Senor Bernardo Grinspun, the economy minister, and the bankers advisory group earlier this week. Sr Grinspun is understood to have incensed bankers by saying he wanted to renegotiate better terms on a $1.5 billion medium term loan which lapsed earlier this year after only $500m was drawn. The loan was put together with much difficulty, especially for British banks, last year.

Another hurdle is looming for Argentina and the banks when the remaining repayments of a $1.1 billion bridging loan fall due by April 16. There is no prospect of Argentina completing repayments but with little progress likely by then on agreement with the IMF, some banks may baulk at formally extending the repayments date.

Argentina has indicated that it is looking for a new style agreement with the IMF which recognizes that restoring growth is as important as reducing inflation. However, it is being stressed in Washington that there is no chance of the IMF bendig its normal rules or making any concessions because of the political problems of the fledgling civilian government.

● The recent $400m emergency loan package arranged for Argentina by the US Treasury was aimed at protecting big American banks' balance sheets, Mr Denis Healey, Britain's former Chancellor of the Exchequer said in Milan yesterday.

YOUR OWN BUSINESS

● One year old and a winner

The minnow that grew to turn over £4m

By Derek Harris

A minor essay in privatization is not only paying off for some former British Rail employees. Even BR, having sold out to two of its former executives for a token £1, is seing near-doubled rail revenues from the activities of a now one-year-old company, Dunn Miller Associates.

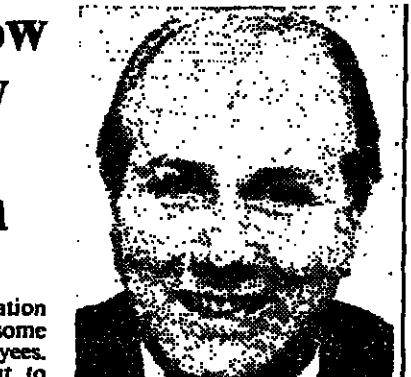
Christopher Dunn and Gordon Miller are joint managing directors of the minnow company which operates Superbreak mini-holidays, the former British Transport Hotels subsidiary first set up not as a profit centre but as a topping-up operation to fill beds in British Rail's BTH hotels and sell some extra rail seats.

It was early into what has turned out to be the one big growth area in British-based holidays, the short break.

Mr Dunn, who is 49, was formerly director of sales and marketing at BTH, with the superbreak operation as part of his remit. Mr Miller, now 30, was his northern sales and marketing manager.

In the final year of BTH operation, as the hotels group prepared for privatization sell-offs, Superbreak was tracked more carefull on costings. Mr. Dunn said: "It looked as if it could be turned into a profitable business. But when we set up shop in February last year it still seemed like a jump into the ocean."

In the final year of BTH operation the short-break holidays generated £700,000 in rail revenue for BR but in the first Dunn-Miller year this has been hoisted to £1.3m.



Dunn: "a jump in the ocean"

But the increased number of holiday breaks now on offer, featuring more hotels, are car as well as rail based to secure the maximum flexibility. In the first year of independence Superbreak's original hotel offerings of 33 establishments was expanded to 83 and the total is rising to 130.

There is plenty of competition in the burgeoning short-break holidays market. Trusthouse Forte, the hotels and leisure group, is market leader

Superbreak is calculated by Mr Dunn to be among the top four together with BR's Golden Rail operation but believes the increasing spread of Superbreak's operation will push it ahead at any rate of Mecca.

More than half Superbreak bookings are for holidays in London, autumn being the peak time. There is a French sales operation which is bringing French families over to Britain on Superbreaks.

Superbreak's trade in the first year has been 80 per cent up compared with an expected 50 per cent growth. "We completely surprised ourselves," said Mr Dunn.

Gross turnover has doubled to £4m and Mr Dunn foreseees a rise to £4.75m or possibly more during the next financial year (the company's year runs from May to May). This financial year a trading profit appears to be on the cards.

Mr Kato's key to Japan

By Wayne Lintott

Mr Hiroshi Kato, a successful pop musician in Japan, in 1971 came to Britain to begin a new career, and now runs LOE Group, a small company specializing in Anglo-Japanese business, specifically in what he terms the software trades. By that he means services, leisure, entertainment and media.

What is interesting about his small company is the sheer clout he exercises in money terms, the role he plays for Japanese corporations and the people with whom he wants to do business here: small companies with good ideas, projects in need of development, audio visual productions seeking finance and creative management.

He works closely with Mr Dudley Allen, also a former musician and engineer. Since becoming fully established over the last few years they have organized and financed the Swiss indoor tennis championships: arranged introductions and finance for the development of the £300m theme park centre planned for Corby; managed European tours for Japanese artists, both classical and modern; overseen the sale of British television material in Japan and are now involved in finding finance for video productions and running seminars in Britain to illustrate what can be realistically achieved with British ideas and Japanese development.

He has strong views about the American domination of Japan and the ludicrous situation where British ideas are exploited in the United States, refined by the Japanese, then sold back to both countries.

He makes two strong recommendations. The first is that when dealing with the Japanese, use an intermediary.



Suresh Karadia

The group: Dudley Allen (left) Antonella Mancini and Hiroshi Kato

Otherwise a company becomes involved in what the Japanese sum up as "peeling the onion leads to many tears." As the Nissan car deal illustrated, Japanese companies have enormous layers of democratic control ("our culture is only 40 years old") and each layer, including unions, has to approve a deal before it is passed on to the next layer. It takes years.

And do not, as many big British companies do, use the British class system of Lord This and Sir That as representatives. "The Japanese like to look a man in the eye and shake his hand. They do not like to have to bow their heads to someone with whom they wish to do business", states Mr Allen firmly. "Much of the problem relates to prejudice and a complete lack of understanding in the ways of Japanese business dealings".

He describes a recent situation. A Japanese TV company wanted to acquire British video and TV product and fronted £1.4m towards any deal. Mr Kato explained: "We've had trouble spending it". British companies look to the US first without fully realizing the potential of the Japanese to exploit product not only in their own country but also in the English-speaking world.

Mr Kato said: "I have spent many years persuading the major Japanese companies that Britain is the home of ingenuity and ideas and that this is where they should come to acquire them."

He sees small companies in particular as the birthplace of those ideas. In Japan, he explained, agencies like Hakuhodo and Dentsu, the two largest advertising agencies in the world, play a much wider role than agencies here. They provide venture capital, for instance, and will nurture a development until it is ready to be passed on to a major corporation. The agencies will also act as negotiators on deals, provide and arrange sponsorships – so widely seen now on British footbal team shirts – and back audio and visual productions.

"The areas of business activity in Japan are clearly defined", Mr Kato said. "It is pointless approaching some companies direct, even though that might be the obvious thing to do in Britain."

● Showing anglo-eastern promise

Local focus – the enterprise answer?

■ Local enterprise agencies could be more effective the more localized their focus, which suggests that the number of agencies desirable in Britain should be at least double the forecast ceiling of 300, *Derek Harris writes.*

With nearly 200 such agencies or trusts already operating, Britain is among the most active of EEC countries in taking local initiatives to help small businesses and thereby promote the creation of new jobs, according to a report* by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), out this week. Local initiatives result in new jobs than do a region or a local authority area spending resources on attempting to attract investment either from other areas of Britain or from abroad, the EIU report argues.

Enterprise agencies in relatively large regions have to spread their resources particularly thinly, says the report. There is a tendency to devote most energies to towns in such circumstances. Another problem is how far agencies screen aid so that products or services are not supported when a neighbourhood is already adequately supplied with that particular product.

Shoestring budgets at agencies also often make it impossible for them to become directly involved in what is the crucial development of premises, especially small starter units. But the EIU sees agencies as a useful means of concentrating local concern about jobs and in mobilizing local resources.

The main question is whether adequate funding can be provided in the longer term, the report suggests. There are already signs private sector sponsors are anxious not to commit long term funds.

**Creating New Jobs in Europe; the Role of Local Initiatives:* EIU special report 165; EIU, Spencer House, 27 St James's Place, London SW1A 1NT; £30 (01-493 6711).

MR FRIDAY



"But your'e already a client – it's only *potential* ones I take to restaurants for lunch!"

■ Brian Warnes – managing director of Midland Bank Venture Capital, which has been one of the biggest providers of financial aid for smaller businesses – believes the successful businessman needs an approach like that of the legendary successful barrow-boy who said: "I buy for £1, sell for £2 and live very well on the 10 per cent margin." In other words, business is more about buying and selling production hours than about products: gross margin and not sales constitutes the real income of a business.

The Warnes approach to business, exuding much horse-sense, has been set down in a book* out this week. It adduces some tough criteria on the break-even point in a business as well as arguing for tight and frequent cash-flow forecasting.

Since MBVC was set up by the Midland Bank in 1979 it has invested in 65 small companies, of which 46 survive with 30 in profit and seven earning £100,000 or more at the bottom line. In the past two years there has been only one failure.

**The Genghis Khan Guide to Business* by Brian Warnes: Osmosis Publications, 8 Holyrood Street, London SE1 2EL (telephone 01-403 7575): £19 (p & p 95p).

De Vere profits up to record £1.8m

By Jonathan Clare

De Vere Hotels and Restaurants, owner of the Mirabelle Restaurant, Connaught Rooms, a string of hotels and the subject of an embarrassing abortive takeover bid last December, earned in record profits last year.

A resurgence of confidence among businessmen has increased business travel, even in areas like the West Midlands which helped De Vere to increase its profits from £1m to £1.8m last year. Mr Leslie Jackson, the deputy chairman, said: "The Midlands hotels have been very good. The one in Coventry has been trading at recored levels."

More than half the shares are in the hands of the chairman, Mr Lepolod Mullen. Last December he agreed to sell out to a Mr Geoffrey Holland at 340p per share with a general offer to all shareholders to follow at the same price. But Mr Holland's off-the-shelf company, Selfpost, failed to come up with the necessary financial assurances and the deal fell through. However, Mr Muller's known willingness to sell his stake has continued to underpin the share price, which rose 3p to 313p on the results, in expectation of another bid.

The Connaught Rooms, the London & banqueting suite, is still losing money but is now close to break-even.

The Mirabelle, a big favourite with US tourists attracted back to Britain by favourable exchange rates, is profitable and now benefits from last year's £300,000 refurbishment.

The current year has started well with occupancy at much-improved levels and tariffs are no longer under the competitive pressure seen two years ago. The total dividend has been maintained at 6p

William Kay dissects the Stock Exchange's discussion document on change

Questions Sir Nicholas must answer

The Stock Exchange discussion paper on the future of the stock market, published yesterday, is a technical and at times abstruse document. But the cool and carefully worded prose fails to disguise the push and pull of intensely conflicting pressures which have been taking place behind the scenes in the past few months.

It was, after all, only last summer that Me Cecil Parkinson, then Secretary of State for Trade and industry, was insisting that the Stock Exchange must preserve the 75-year-old system of single-capacity trading, whereby jobbers and brokers must stick strictly to their lasts.

Now, however, the Stock Exchange Council states unequivocally: "Single-capacity cannot last", while conceding that many institutional investors, stockbrokers serving private investors and the smaller firms of equity jobbers all favour the old system in varying degrees.

On nothing it seems, does everyone agree. But time is pressing. The "big bang" is set to happen by the end of next year, and the computer software designers reckon it will take them 18 months to put a tolerably bug-free operation in place.

Hovering in the background, of course, is Mr Norman Tebbitt, Mr Parkinson's successor. Through his enegetic Under-Secretary of State, Mr Alex Fletcher, he is pressing the City to open itself up to international competition and be more accountable to its customers.

Their main agent in the City is Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Governor of the Bank of England. He spelt out the task in unmistakable terms last month when he gave a speech at Edinburgh University, which, coincidentally, is Mr Fletcher's constituency.

Outside stakes in Stock exchange firms

June 1982 Security Pacific (US) - Hoare Govett (B)	£8m
Nov 1982 RIT & Northern - Kitcat & Aitken (B)	na
Nov 1983 Citicorp (US) - Vickers da Costa (B)	£20m
Dec 1983 Mercury Sec. - Akroyd & Smithers (J)	£41m
Dec 1983 Prudential-Bache (US) backs new broker	na
Dec 1983 N M Rothschild - Smith Brothers (J)	£6.5m
Jan 1984 Charter Consolidated - Rowe & Pitman (B)	£16.2m
Feb 1984 Exco International to back new broker	na
Feb 1984 County Bank (Natwest) - Bisgood Bishop (J)	na
Mar 1984 Samuel Montagu (Midland) - W Greenwell (B)	na
Mar 1984 Barclays - Wedd Durlacher (J)	na
Barclays - de Zoete & Bevan (B)	na
Mar 1984 Hambros Bank - Strauss Turnbull (B)	na
Apr 1984 Morgan Grenfell - Pinchin Denny (J)	na
Apr 1984 Security Pacific (US) - Charles T Pulley (J)	na

(B) indicates stockbroker, (J) stockjobber. Many deals still subject to Stock Exchange approval

The Governor said then: "The financial service industry is going through a phase of very rapid change, generating insistent competitive pressures, both dmestically and internationally, that obliges those who wish to remain effective participants to respond."

So Sir Nicholas Goodison, the Stock Exchange chairman, has had to take at least a few bulls by the horns and lay down a bare minimum number of choices. On everything else, opinions must be sent to Mr John Young, the Director of Policy and Planning, by the end of next month with a view to producing a detailed blueprint in June or July.

That will also coincide neatley with the beginning of the process of drafting the White Paper on Investor Protection which the Department of Trade and Industry hopes to publish next winter. The plan is that the civil servants should have clear guidelines upon which to work, so that the politicians will have a resonable prototype on their desks when they return from holiday in September.

The discussion paper is divided broadly into the possible dual-capacity market structures and the ways in which the membership rules might be altered to take account of the need to allow freer access for outsiders.

On the market itself, the Council treats gilt-edged dealings very differently from equity dealings. As far as gilts are concerned, the Council goes straightforwardly for an adaptation of the present market for Treasury Bonds in the US. Doubtless there is less scope for debate in this area because of the obvious interest of the Bank of England and the Government.

A number of member firms would be recognized by the Bank of England as primary dealers, who could make markets and deal directly with investors as well as with brokers. They would be obliged to make markets as the Bank required.

The key to gilts trading is that most of it is a professional market and the primary dealers would probably spend most of their time dealing with one another. That in itself makes it a much simpler matter to cater for.

The real headaches start when it comes to devising a satisfactory system for equities. Here the council diplomatically sets out four possible structures between which, it says, "the choice has so far appeared to lie".

These are:

- An out-and-out market-maker system, where all firms can deal with clients or one another in any capacity.
- A streamlined single-capacity, or separate capacity, system. Anyone taking an order for a client must execute it as an agent and not handle it within the same firm.
- A market based on trading between brokers, but backed up by specialists in certain stocks or sectors, as in New York.
- A restricted version of the first option, subject to wider obligations and closer regulation: in other words, a very English compromise and not surprisingly the favourite of the 51-member Council.

Of the latter, the paper says: "Since it is nearer to the present system, it would allow natural evolution to proceed more easily." So near is it to today's arrangements that some stock market operators are convinced that the change would be largely cosmetic. The names would be changed, but most firms would be behaving very much as they do now. The jobbers would job, dealing as principals, making markets and running a book, but having the ability to trade directly with big investors.

Some big brokers would move through the spectrum towards more of a jobbing role, if only to impress those same big investors, especialy the institutions. The smaller brokers would basically remain brokers, using nNew-found freedoms to sell their services more aggressively to the public, possibly entering the high street, but not having the capital to take risks more than very occasionally.

This cosy prospect omits some of the present cast. Small jobbers could find themselves being squeezed and small institutional clients ignored. Another notable loose end is the problem of how to cope with lightly or seldom traded equities.

There is an influential lobby within the Council in favour of running a market of two or three tiers: an auction market for the most active securities, a market-maker system for the less active and a electronic system of matched orders for the least active, where no market-makers were prepared to deal on a regular basis.

However, such a futuristic plan has been criticized in other parts of the world such as Tokyo, and it does cut across the Stock Exchange's fundamental aim of having a centralized market.

These would be the minutiae of humble sub-committees were it not for the other big issue: opening up the membership of the Stock Exchange.

Although time is running out, the Stock Exchange is still strictly a private club and many of its members see it in that light. That inevitably colours the Council's deliberations over how to admit outsiders.

So the document contains some nicely judged tinkering with the admission rules, including the notion that the Council might grant waivers, "where it was thought appropriate", to let some important people in without submitting to an entrance examination.

But the nub lies in the propsition that newcomers should be made to pay for entry: The present system is that individuals are admitted to the club and at some later stage are allowed to form a firm. This, unfortunately, takes time. So the feeling has taken root that the existing members should be compensated, however indirectly, for giving newcomers access to the assets – tangible and intangible – of the Stock Exchange.

The trouble is, how much do you charge them? Some would-be entrants, like Merrill Lynch and Salomon Brothers of New York, or Nomura of Japan, could and probably would pay any price. That, to say the least, would inhibit and, in practice, debar smaller fry who are entitled to go through the same door. There may even be tax liabilities for the existing members to consider. The Government is known to have its doubts about entry fees, particularly if they are based on a revival of the system of tradable "seats" on the exchange.

Alongside the question of price lies the even more knotty question of control. In a dual capacity system, conflict of interest is a constant problem. Some of the big stockbrokers already have fund management operations running to over £3 billion. They can be disciplined: what about an outside financial conglomerate which happens to own a stockbroking firm?

Investor protection, Sir Nicholas agrees, is going to become far more expensive in future. The most acute time will be the period of transition. To an alarming degree, it is accepted that there will be casualties then. Small investors should make a note in their diaries to stay clear of the Stock Exchange around Christmas 1985, and for some months afterwards.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

- **RUBEROID:** Final dividend 5.1p, making 7.1p (5.6p). Figures in £000: Turnover 96,179 (58,245). Trading profit excluding Camrex 6,646 (3,775). Trading loss of Camrex (acquired June 1983) 1,100. Pretax profit 5,288 (4,165). EPS 22.97p (16.98p).
- **MARTONAIR INTERNATIONAL:** Results for six months to January 1. Interim dividend 2p (1.95p). Figures in £000. Turnover 22,088 (20,013). Pretax profit 2,032 (1,825). There has been a steady improvement in demand in recent months, particularly in Britain and in West Germany.
- **GASKELL BROADLOOM:** Final 3.5p, making 4.5p (3.5p) for 1983. Figures in £000. Turnover 12,727 (11,573). Pretax profit 1,351 (686). EPS 18.3p (9.4p).
- **BETEC:** No dividend (same) for 1983. Figures in £000. Turnover 13,884 (14,588). Operating profit 909 (loss 115). Pretax profit 514 (loss 1256). EPS undiluted 4.4p (loss 10.53p) and fully diluted 3.54p.
- **PETER STORES:** Results for 26 weeks to December 24, 1983. Interim dividend 1p (same), payable June 11. Figures in £000. Net sales 4,786 (5,883). Trading profit 425 (363). Pretax profit 64 (147). EPS 1.8p (4.5p).
- **UNITED CERAMIC DISTRIBUTIONS:** Final 2.5p, making 3.5p for 1983. Chairman and his wife have waived their rights to the final dividend, amounting to £34,795. Figures in £000. Turnover 5,876 (5,060). Gross profit 1,031 (852). Pretax profit 159 (41). EPS 5.7p (2.9p).
- **PRINCE OF WALES HOTELS:** Acceptances have been received in respect of 4,104,904 ord shares (68 0 per cent). Before its offer, Taddale Investments owned 898,572 ordinary shares in Prince Of Wales (14.94 per cent). Since the offer, Taddale has purchased a further 710,000 shares bringing the total a further holding to 5,479,030 shares or 90.7 per cent.
- **MY DART:** Final 0.5p making 0.75p (1p). Figures in £000. Sales 23,709 (24,626). Pretax profit 256 (loss 710) after interest of 525 (876). Closure costs 960 (280). EPS 1.34p (loss 4.47p).

WALL STREET

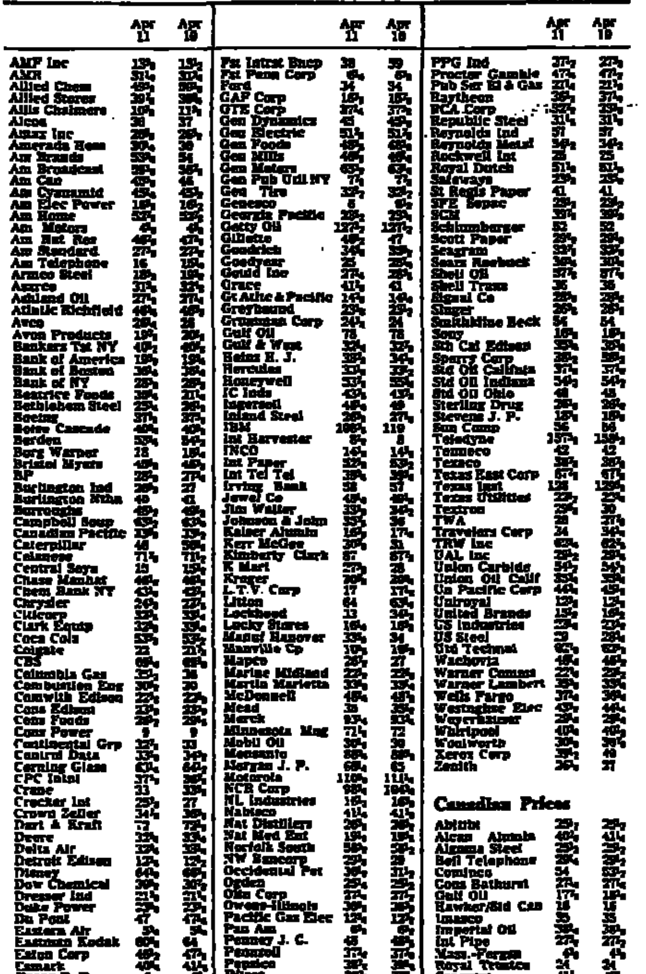
US tax increase voted

Washington (AFP) – The US House of Representatives has approved a three-year tax increase on alcohol, cigarettes, telephones and businesses that would earn the government $49 billion (£34 billion) in its campaign to cut the country's $200 billion federal deficit.

The measure was adopted by a vote of 318 to 97.

The US Senate is also debating a series of similar proposals that would increase federal revenues by $48m. The Senate package would exclude taxes on cigarettes.

The moves are part of a joint effort by Congress and the Administration to reduce the burgeoning federal deficit.



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First Computer opens shop

Mr Cyril Spencer, former head of the Burton menswear group, yesterday opened the first of what is intended to be a 50-strong chain of computer shops, called First Computer.

The idea is that they will offer the public some guidance, especially if they have never bought a computer before. The first outlet is in Picadilly, London. Three more are planned in London, to be followed by Bristol, Croydon and Slough.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	8½%
Barclays	8½%
BCCI	8½%
Citibank Savings †	9½%
Consolidated Crds	8½%
Continental Trust	8½%
C. Hoare & Co	*8½%
Lloyds Bank	8½%
Midland Bank	8½%
Nat Westminster	8½%
TSB	8½%
Williams & Glyn's	8½%

† Mortgage Base Rate

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 5¾%, £10,000 up to £50,000, 6¼%, £50,000 and over 7¼%.

Paul drops bid for Brockhouse

Mr Swraj Paul yesterday took his profit and withdrew from the battle for control of Brockhouse, the loss-making West Midlands engineering group.

His Caparo industries sold its 3.75 million shares, representing 20.3 per cent of the Brockhouse equity, for 60p a share as its rival bidders, Evered Holdings, increased its offer to the equivalent of 60.6p. *It compares with a Brockhouse* share price of 58.5p. Caparo's profit could be £1.7m of the £2.2 it got for the stake.

The fight for Brockhouse has virtually doubled the initial price offered for the company. From a Caparo offer of all shares with a £5m capital injection, the company is now valued at almost £11m.

In brief

● **AQUASCUTUM GROUP:** Sales for year to Jan 31, £25.6m (£25m). Pretax profit £618,000 (£333,000). Dividend 1.3p, making 2.05p for the year. Chairman says that the group in its new form is now moving ahead, and the indication is that profits will be on an upward trend this year.

● **APV HOLDINGS:** Final dividend 6.75p, making 11.25p (10.5p) for 1983. Sales £373m (£339m). Pretax profit £18.3m (£17.6m). Profits for 1984 will depend on the strength of hoped-for recovery in demand for capital goods, chairman says.

● **COOKSON GROUP:** Final dividend 6.5p making 10.2p (9.66p) for 1983. Sales £547m (£476m). Pretax profit £21.7m (£11.5m). Sales and profits presently achieving levels in excess of 1983, company states.

● **TIOXIDE GROUP:** Final dividend 17p making 27p (12p) for 1983. Sales £269m (£231m). Pretax profit £22m (£16m).

● **INCHCAPE:** Company's subsidiaries, Inchcape UK and Aronstead, have begun negotiations for the sale of Aronstead to some of its directors.

● **BEAUFORD GROUP:** Final dividend 2.6p making 4p (3.5p) for 1983. Sales £7m (£7.5m). Pretax profit £558,000 (£607,000).

● **CEMENT–ROADSTONE:** The chairman in his annual report says: "Results from our overseas operations continue to be good and this gives us ground for cautious optimism about the group's outcome for 1984."

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Petranol chief buys 20% property investor stake

By Michael Clark

Expect news later today that Mr Clive Smith, chairman of **Petranol**, the Texas oil exploration group which came to market in February, has bought a 20 per cent stake in the property investor **Berkeley and Hay Hill Investments.**

Mr Smith, bought his stake from **Promotions House**, the travel related promotions group quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market. The stockbroker Statham Duff Stoop bought the 6 million on behalf of Mr Smith at around the 16p level.

Promotions House gained 75 per cent of Berkeley last year after bid of 10.25p a share valuing the entire group at £2.2m. In January Promotions House decided to sell 13 million shares in Berkeley to help finance the acquistion of a controlling interest in **Amalgamated Estates.** Following the deal with Mr Smith, PH's stake will be reduced to 2.9 million shares in Berkeley, or 10.2 per cent. Shares of Promotions House rose 2p to 26½p after the deal, but Berkeley and Hay Hill was unchanged at 15p.

Dr John Ginarlis, insurance analyst at Quilter Goodison, reckons the market has grossly overracted to the abolition of tax relief on life insurance premiums. He strongly recommends switching out of the composite sector and into the depressed life sector "which represents an exciting buying opportunity". He expects that life profits and dividends will go up by another 15 to 20 per cent this year. "Composite results could well go nowhere and may indeed be worse", he says.

Meanwhile, the directors of **Intasun**: the package tour holiday operator, have been selling more shares in the company. The broker Hoare Govett placed 2.4 million shares at around 160p representing 4 per cent of the *issued equity. The price closed* 2p lower at 158p.

The rest of the equity market opened in a cautious mood amid light profit taking after the firm performance of the past few days. The *FT* Index, having been 1.0 down, closed 2.5 up at 888.6 helped by the opening rally on Wall Street.

Among leaders **Distillers** advanced another 4p to 283p – making a two day rise of 14p – as investors wait to learn the identity of the mysterious buyer who has built up a 5 per cent stake.

Gilts were again given the cold shoulder by investors following another lacklustre *performance by the pound on* the foriegn exchange when it closed almost unchanged against the dollar at $1.4320. Losses extended to £¼ in longs, but selling pressure was described as light.

Woolworth's surprise counter-bid for Comet provided interest for the rest of retail sector. Shares of Woolworth were run up 25p to 478p as the market gave the thumbs up to the deal, which in turn added 22p to Comet at 222p.

Mr Phil Harris, chairman of Harris Queensway said on Wednesday night he would not attempt to outbid Woolworth Holdings for Comet. But yesterday in the cold light of day the Harris directors were still thinking about what they could do. A decision is expected today.

Harris Queensway added 4p to 390p having seen its offer Comet topped, but the market speculators now think he might turn his attention to Currys, 22p dearer at 373p. **Debenhams** which has just linked up with Harris Queensway in a trading agreement spurted 4p to 192p. Other big movers included **Dixons** 10p higher at 298p and **Henry Wigfall** 20p to 153p.

On the Unlisted Securities Market **French Connection** *spurted 13p to 328p, after 331p,* reflecting the recent figures and acquisition.

Lord Delfont's latest venture **First Leisure** made a strong start to first time dealings opening at 199p compared with the offer price of 180p. The shares ended the day at 200p – a premium of 20p.

National Westminster Bank has issued a floating rate note *worth $200m. The note carries* interest of ⅛ per cent over the six month Interbank rate and is priced at par. The news cut short an earlier lead of 20p with the shares closing at at 664p – a rise on the day of 12p. Elsewhere, **Barclays** rose 10p to 499p, **Lloyds** 8p to 622p, while **Midland** lost 13p to 369p after the disappointing figures from its US subsidiary Crocker.

The takeover Panel has "exceptionally agreed" to allow **Suter** to retract a statement it made in its offer document for **Francis Industries.** Suter said that its cash alternative would only be availavble until April 18 – a statement construed under *the takeover rules as "shut-off"* notice which would prevent Suter from Raising the cash terms. The panel now says it may make a cash alternative available after April 18. Francis closed up 2p at 127p.

Mr Michael Ashcroft's tidying-up his **Hawley Group's** interests in **Kean & Scott** and **Black & Edgington** has been achieved. He said yesterday that Hawley held 75 per cent of Black and would have 75 per cent of Kean & Scott after paying for **Kitchens Direct** by issuing shares to the vendor. Hawley, Black and Kean, which is quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market, all closed unchanged at 88p, 112p and 60p respectively.

Hazlewood Foods, the pickle and sauces group, rose 15p to a new high of 625p yesterday in the wake of this week's acquisition of Beaverlac (Fine Foods) and Crispa Produce for £3.75m. Broker Laurence Prust appears to have had little difficulty placing the extra shares to pay for the acquisition and, after estimating a near 50 per cent jump in pretax profits to £3m, close observers are now predicting the shares will hit 800p shortly.

Shares of **Triefus**, the loss-making diamond processor, rose 6p to a new high of 62p before the company called for a halt to dealings pending an announcement. A substantial reorganization in the group's affairs resulted in losses at the halfway stage climbing from £346,000 to £1.01m.

GRA Group in continuing to lighten its holdings in **Southend Stadium.** Yesterday it announced the sale of another 75,000 shares reducint its total stake to 30.44 per cent.

Equity turnover on April 12, was £282.310m (20,583 bargains). The number of British and Irish stocks traded amounted to 174.7 million. Gilt bargains totalled 3,072.

Publishing group shake-up

A management shake-up was announced yesterday by Routledge & Kegan Paul, the Henley based publishing gourp. Three directors, Mr Terence Lucas, Mr Malcome Crocker and Mr Peter Hopkins, are leaving, having agreed undisclosed compensation. Mr Philip Sturrock from Pitman is joining as managing director.

Mr Norman Franklin, the chairman, said that although all three directors had other jobs to go to, they had been "encouraged" to resign. "Let's say that we persuaded them that prospects were better elsewhere.

"The gourp was moving in the wrong direction but we have changed our acquisition and pricing policy and we are budgeting for profits this year."

In the half-year to the end of September, the company lost £49,000.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Generally quiet trading conditions prevailed on foreign exchange markets, where the dollar maintained a strong position despite a significant fall in US retail trade statistics. The steeper than expected decline of 2.2 per cent during March prompted a little profit-taking during the mid-session, but with short-covering soon in evidence the US unit quickly bounced back to levels ruling before, or even, in some instances, higher.

Sterling spent a rather unsettled day. Recovering from an early setback to reach a high of 1.4390, the rate in dollar terms slipped back to 1.4310 at the close – a fall of a cent. The trade weighted index was able to recoup an initial 0.1 point fall to end unaltered at 80.1.

MONEY MARKETS

Interbank held 8⅞-8½ throught yesterday morning easing to 8⅝-8⅜ per cent before lunch. The afternoon saw a dip to 8 per cent but the later stages brought a marked firming, with 10 per cent ruling at close.

The periods had a pretty quiet session, though firmness of the short dates at one, two, and three weeks exercised some pressure that worked out into the longer dates.

This was offset by the US retail sales that showed a 2.2 per cent drop for March. The net effect was a rates structure that showed little change at the end of the day.

TEMPUS

New-look Morgan comes back from the wasteland

After five years in the wilderness Morgan Crucible is back in town, with a vengeance. It is a leaner and more aggressive company with a new, stronger senior management team and a streamlined corporate structure. The old products associated with the dirty industrial wasteland have been overshadowed by the cleaner, more profitable, high technology divisions.

Since 1979, when Morgan had record profits, the company has seen substantial change. About 1,500 jobs have been shed in Britain and the dominance of its European operations has receded. In 1979 Britain and Europe accounted for 71 per cent of business. This was down to 54 per cent in 1983, with the United States doubling its contribution to 25 per cent.

The benefits of these changes aare now filtering through. The pretax profit slide has been well and truly halted this year and profits have ended up close to the 1979 peak. The performance was achieved on the back of sales, which showed no volume growth, but the rationalization is far from over. More redundancies and closedowns can be expected in both 1984 and 1985, although not on such a large scale as in the past.

More encouraging than the figures, which should now form a springboad for real growth, is the new management style. Each operating division is now obliged to establish a corporate strategy and this has led to a much more confident business attitude.

In Japan the local crucible manufacturing company has been slowly squeezing the opposition out of business. After dropping its prices by 20 per cent the Morgan subsidiary was asked by an ailing Japanese rival to put them up again. Its response was to take a further 10 per cent off.

The group also has a technological superiority in Japan in its ceramics division and is now considering haw this should be exploited either by internal expansion of by joint venture.

With a revolutionary new lubricant, using just water plus additives, now being produced and marketed with a great deal of success in the US the future in this division offers great potential. In Britain a lucrative contract to produce missile heads is about to be signed and in France four crucible manufacturers are pleading for Morgan to bail them out.

Perhaps the only disappointment was that after five years of maintaining the dividend level, the company has had to dip into reserves for the first time to pay for it. The share price was up 3p at 161p.

Gilts

Demand for long-dated paper continues unabated, judging by the glad reception for yesterday's latest bulldog issue, £60m of 11¾ per cent debenture stock from Nova Scotia, dated 2019. Some speculate that S. G. Warburg could have placed far more, partly because of the yeild differential over a comparable gilt, and also because the Government appears to have given up issuing 21st century stock.

Curiously, longs have shown signs of metal fatigue in the last week, with the market's worst performer, Treasury 11½ per cent 200/04, shedding about 1/3 point. This may reflect renewed concentration on deteriorating British economic fundamentals, notably money supply and producer prices plus a dwindling preoccupation with America. Yesterday's 2.2 per cent drop in March US retail sales, possibly on harbinger of more reassuring data on the way over the weekend, hardly raised an eyebrow in shorts. All eyes here have been focussed on the ramp of low coupon stocks, in particular Treasury 3 per cent 1986 (up 1 point in a week, according to Wood Mackenzie). Poor retail price figures for March, due out this morning, would give added point to any fleeting appearance by the Government Brooker in the market later in the day.

Portals

The Portals board must watch US monetary developments with bated breath. Every percentage point rise in American rates costs the Less Developed Countries a further $4 billion (£2.7 billion), leading inevitably to cutbacks and the husbanding of resources. But LDC spending exuberance is critical to Portals, one of the world's leading suppliers of water treatment plant, and bank note paper. With more than two thirds of sales going on exports, and the LDC's accounting for about half of sales abroad, Portals performance is clearly linked to LDC capital spending, as well as internal transactional demand.

A 12 per cent jump in profits on the back of a 14 per cent sales gain looks a reasonable performance, given that orders were few and far between. On the papermaking side, plant was not operating at full capacity, and profits slumped by nearly a fifth to £6.26m. The water treatment division saw higher margins coming through on large turnkey contracts, so that profits jumped by £3m to £9m. Nevertheless, order books for 1985 and beyond are beginning to look slender.

Portals forecast that 1984 should see just modest improvement implies a target pretax minimum of perhaps £17m, rising to £20m., if "pent-up demand" – that is, Third World banknotes falling apart – generates some large orders. A useful rise in the dividend of 11 per cent suggests underlying confidence, and at 610p, up 15p on the figures, the shares rate a price earnings ratio.

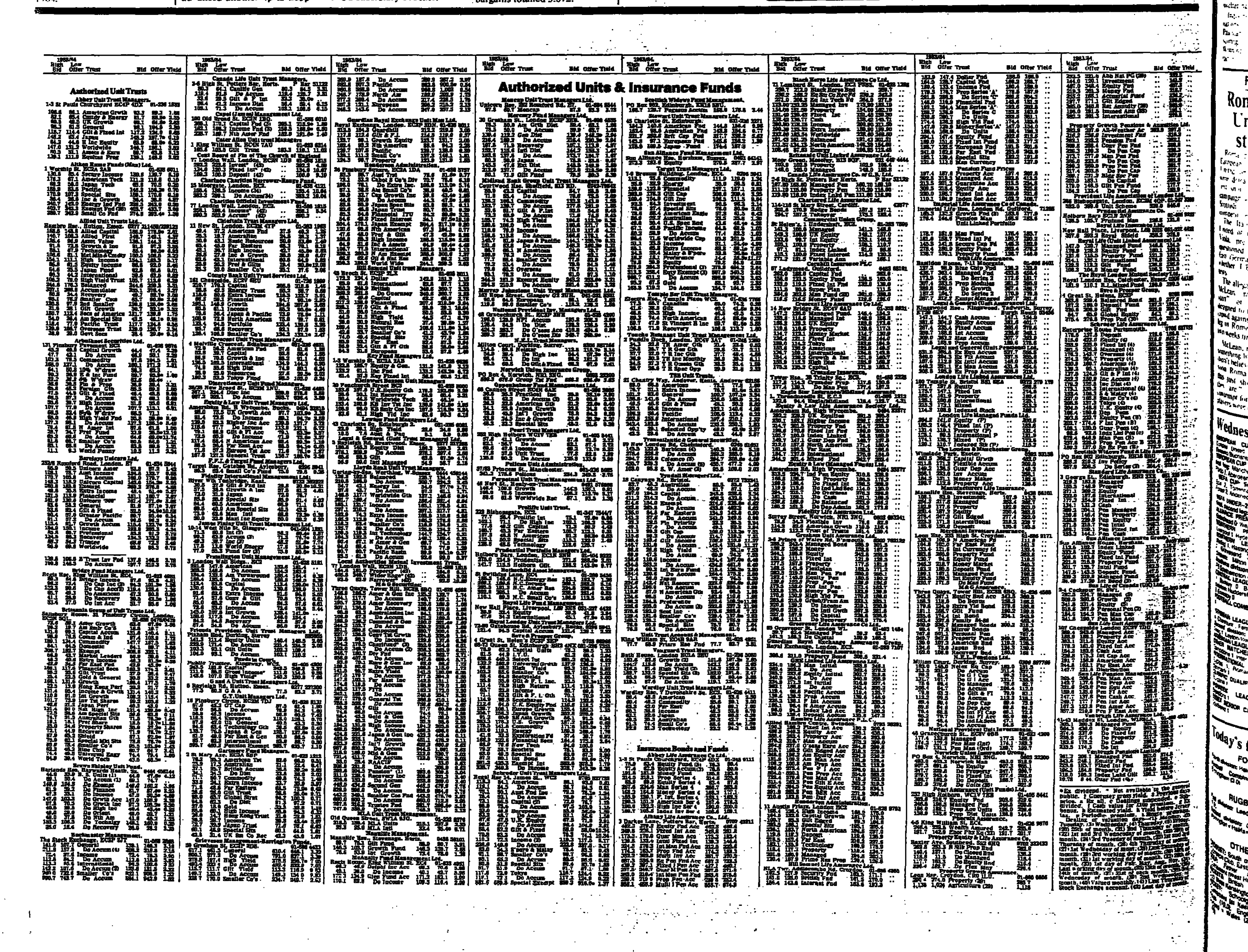
Austin Reed

Austin Reed Group may like to think that it is different from the run-of-the-mill high street clothes shops but, it is benefiting from the same high consumer spending that is fuelling the growth of the mass chains like Burton Group.

Reed will continue to benefit from the economy and its own efforts last year to promote the business, with consumer spending likely to remain buoyant for at least the next couple of years.

Last year, with profits up from £3.3m to almost £4m, did not see the same leap as 1982/83, when the company was starting from a low trading base.

But profits last year could have been higher if Reed had not pumped money into its Options womenswear departments within its shops and into increasing the capacity of its manufacturing operations.



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CRICKET: TCCB PRONOUNCE ON DRUG ALLEGATIONS

England camp relieved at board's findings

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

Members of the England cricket team and others close to them will have heaved a sigh of relief yesterday when the executive committee of the Test and County Cricket Board announced that their investigations had not substantiated any of the serious allegations made concerning the illegal use of drugs in New Zealand last winter.

Whether this is the end of the matter remains to be seen. It will be only if the writ issued by Ian Botham against the *Mail on Sunday* is withdrawn.

To the old, and not-so-old, times who followed the fortunes of Bob Willis's side, the very suggestion that any of them might have been unable to find anything better to do than smoke pot in such a wonderful and hospitable country as New Zealand caused nothing less than disbelief. They now, I hope, will be reassured.

The TCCB statement read:

"The board's executive committee has carried out a wide-ranging investigation into allegations contained in the *Mail on Sunday* of March 11, 1984 and other newspapers relating to the behaviour of the England team on tour of New Zealand and involving allegations concerning the illegal use of drugs.

The investigation has included interview with the full management of the England team and discussions with senior representatives of the New Zealand cricket authorities as well as with a representative of the cricket journalists who accompanied the England team on tour.

At the outset the board wished to state in the strongest possible terms it condemnation of any illegal use of drugs and its firm intentions to ensure, with the close cooperation of all counties, that such habits will not be allowed to enter English cricket.

"The investigations have not substantiated any of the serious allegations made. There is no evidence of any off-the-field behaviour which adversely affected performance on the field and it is clear that the conduct of the England team in general created a good impression with their New Zealand hosts.

While it has no reason to suppose that it will be necessary, the executive committee will, of course, renew its inquiries should any significant new evidence be forthcoming."

Hampshire can rise above their worries

By Richard Streeton

Against a disturbing financial background, in which £92,300 has been lost in two years, Hampshire face a hard time in the field as well. Greenidge and Marshall will be touring with West Indies and the country's chances of matching the third place gained in the championship two summers running look slim. Even Hampshire's forward planning for 1984 has already taken an ironic turn.

They gave a one-year contract to Milton Small, a 6ft 4in Barbados fast bowler, to cover Marshall's absence, only for Small unexpectedly to gain a Test place against Australia in the current series. It is not known yet whether Small will be on the England tour; if so "Elvis" Reifer, another Bajan, will deputize.

Despite their problems Hampshire, under Pocock's positive leadership, could still find the resilience to rise above some of their worries. They have dependable batting with Chris Smith, Nicholas, Jesty and Turner, and Paul Terry's breakthrough in 1983 came at the right moment. Robin Smith, who will be eligible to play for England next year, will also be available after May.

There is concern, however, about the bowling, the firepower of Small or Reifer being unproven and doubts about Emery recapturing his 1982 form. Malone and Jesty last year were expensive.

Fortunately Tremlett has advanced with great strides. Southern has retired and Rajesh Maru, a Kenyan-born left-arm spinner, has joined the staff from Middlesex. Maru could provide the effective spin that Hampshire have lacked.

1983 RECORD: County championship: 3rd; NatWest Bank Trophy: Lost in quarter-final; John Player League: 5th

PLAYING STAFF: N. E. J. Pocock (capt), S J W Andrew, N G Cowley, D St J D Emery, C F E Goldie, C G Greenidge, J J E Hardy, M Hussain, T E Jesty, S J Malone, M D Marshall, R J Maru, T C Middleton, M C J Nicholas, R J Parks, G R Reifer, M A Small, C L Smith, R A Smith, K Stevenson, V P Terry, T M Tremlett, and D R Turner.

● *Tomorrow: Kent*

First time happy for Miss Bywater

By Jenny MacArthur

Lucy Bywater, a former member of the junior three-day event team who is making her first bid for the Whitbread Trophy, is in the lead at the end of the first day of dressage at the Badminton Horse Trials.

Riding Asprey of Bond Street's The President, a consistently good dressage performer, 21-year-old Miss Bywater, a doctor's daughter from Surrey, gained 57.8 marks putting her one point ahead of Ian Stark on his Olympic longlisted Horse Sir Wattie.

Ginny Strawson, the former European Young Riders champion performed a beautifully balanced test on the nine-year-old Minsmore and despite what appeared to be harsh marking from the French judge, finished in third place. A much improved test from Jemima Johnson on her mother's good cross-Country horse, Timber Knight, aged 13 saw her finish in fourth place.

The pecking order is likely to change dramatically after today's dressage when most of the top combinations perform their tests. Miss Bywater said she would be happy to finish in the first ten.

Ian Stark would be similarly content. Stark is something of a phenomenon in the horse trials world. The former civil servant, aged 30, burst upon the scene last June when he finished first at Braham Horse trials on Sir Wattie and third on the eight-year-old Oxford Blue, his ride today. Stark, who comes from near Selkirk, has been staying with fellow Scot, Lorna Clarke, another longlisted rider, at the Clarke's farm, near Newbury, for the run-up to Badminton.

Lucinda Green, the world champion, who is seeking her sixth Badminton win, is lying comfortably in fifth place on SR Direct Mail Ltd's Village Gossip. Mrs Green was pleased with the 16-year-old highly strung horse who she says, "is at last learning to do a little of what I want to do, rather than what he wants". She rides Beagle Bay on the second day of dressage.

Her husband, David, found Super Salesman rather less submissive. The eight-year-old horse on whom he finished eighth at Burghley last year, is going through a "bad phase", which Green attributes to too much work too young. Yesterday, it was all he could do to keep the horse in the arena, and they will have to perform a miracle on tomorrow's cross country course to get back in the running.

Nigel Taylor, another longlisted rider, is also relying on a good cross-country performance from his ride, Schroder Life Assurance's Milton Tyson, who is, in his words, "not a dressage horse", and gained 74.8 marks. It is the last time Taylor rides Milton Tyson, who returns to his former owner Mr David Thomas on Monday for his son, Roland, to ride in junior competition.

The going is perfect for tomorrow's cross country, which is shorter than usual because of the proximity of the Olympics. The course designer, Lieutenant Colonel Frank Weldon, has introduced several new fences including the Cattle Crush and the Catherine Wheel, both of which bear testimony to the enduring skill of the Willis brothers who build the course.

RESULTS: 1, The President (L Bywater) 57.8; 2, Sir Wattie (I Stark) 58.8; 3, Minsmore (G Strawson) 58.8; 4 Timber Knight (J Johnson) 60.6; 5, Village Gossip (L Green) 61.8; equal sixth, The Grousebeater (E Purbrick), Divine Intervension (B Thomas), Jacquou du Bois (A Bigot, France) 63.2.

Unassailable lead for West Indies

St John's (Reuter) – Joel Garner, with five for 63 and Malcolm Marshall, three for 51, pushed Australia over the brink and gave West Indies a win in four days in the Fourth Test by an innings and 36 runs.

Australia, 236 behind on first innings, were dismissed for 200 in less than five hours.

West Indies' victory was the first ever positive result in a Test in Antigua, and gave them an unassailable 2-0 lead in the five-match series and the Frank Worrell trophy.

After West Indies had added five runs to their overnight 493 for nine, Australia's openers, Ritchie and Phillips, made the most of a loose opening spell by Marshall and Garner.

Yet before long Garner had Ritchie caught behind with a ball that cut away from him and got through Phillips's defence, leaving Australia at 57 for two.

While the Test series is decided, the one-day series of four is still open, each side having won once.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 262 (A R Border 98, D W Hookes 51).

Second Innings

G. M. Ritchie c Dujon b Garner	23
W B. Phillips b Garner	22
A. R. Border c Greenidge b Baptiste	19
*K. J. Hughes c Richards b Marshall	29
D. M. Jones c Dujon b Garner	11
D. W. Hookes c Greenidge b Holding	29
†R. D. Woolley lbw b Marshall	8
T G. Hogan c Baptiste b Garner	6
G. F Lawson not out	17
J. N. Maguire b Marshall	0
C. G. Rackemann b Garner	0
Extras (b–19, lb–7, nb–10)	36
Total	200

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–50, 2–167, 3–97, 4–116, 5–150, 6–167, 7–176, 8–185, 9–185, 10–200.

BOWLING: Marshall 17-5-51-3; Garner 20.5-2-63-5; Holding 14-2-22-1; Baptiste 8-2-14-1; Harper 6-0-24-0 (no-balls and wides debited to bowlers' analyses).

WEST INDIES: First innings 498 (I V A Richards 178, R B Richardson 154, C G Rackemann 5-160).

Heat takes its toll of Miandad

Sharjah (Reuter) – Pakistan could be without one of their leading batsmen, Javed Miandad, for the deciding match against India in the inaugural Asia Cup here today. Miandad has a stomach complaint and his absence would help the Indians, who are already favourites to lift the cup

Miandad felt ill after a strenuous three-hour practice session in sweltering heat yesterday.

India beat Sri Lanka in the three-nations series by 10 wickets but Pakistan lost to the Sri Lankans, scoring only 187 in 46 overs. Winning the toss could be a crucial factor on the well-grassed pitch.

Rhoades backs sponsorship

Some people might criticise sporting links with commerce, but without sponsorship there would be little present-day sport. That was the reminder given by Cedric Rhoades, the chairman of Lancashire, yesterday.

He was announcing the club's plans to mark the centenary of Test match cricket at Old Trafford this summer, when England play West Indies from July 26-31.

Yorkshire are to experiment with two larger sight-screens at Headingley during the Benson and Hedges Cup match against Leicestershire on May 5.

EQUESTRIANISM: BADMINTON HORSE-SENSE OF LUCINDA GREEN

Beagle Bay: one of Mrs Green's three cards in the poker hand of three-day eventing

Horses more important than Olympic courses

Regal Realm took off his shoes this week and trotted off to enjoy a few quiet weeks in a meadow. In the poker-hand of three-day eventing he is giving Badminton a pass, having won the preeminent Whitbread Trophy last year, to keep himself in trim for the Olympics.

His partnership with the equally redoubtable Lucinda Green, five times a Badminton winner, is expected to be a significant arm of a British team hoping to repeat in Los Angeles the gold medal achievement of 1956, 1968 and 1972. Mrs Green will instead be riding the veteran Village Gossip and Beagle Bay over another of Lieutenant Colonel Frank Weldon's testing cross-country courses.

It it refreshing to find someone at the probable forefront of an Olympic field who is not reduced to a sate of anxious introspection and the delusion that the Games are bigger than life itself. Mrs Green wants to be there, but will not cry should she not be, and would be thrilled if her Australian husband was to gain a place as an outsider, now that he has switched nationalities with rather more legitimacy than Zola Budd.

"It could'nt worry me less if I don't gain an Olympic place, although, of course, I'd be disappointed". Mrs Green said, taking a moment's break and a beaker of hock in the horsebox, while her husband, David Green, continued with the hundred preparatory tasks of a big competition.

"I'd love the honour and the challenge to achieve what Richard Meade has done," she said, "but the Olympics have a way of producing some riders you never hear of again, some odd results, and I am nervous for the situation for the horses in Los Angeles, the heat and lack of oxygen. I shall be slightly relieved if I don't go."

She laughs a lot with her eyes, her blonde hair an unruly haystack, and gives you answers the way she takes the fences, bold and unhesitating, leading with that strong chin. Unaffectedly self-effacing, she would much rather talk about her horses.

Mrs Green considers that Regal Realm "is the best horse I've ever sat on", an animal unique for his combination of talent, temperament and courage.

She bought him in 1098, started riding him the next year, won the world championship in 1982 and the European silver last year. "He's very gentle and sensitive. He reacts sharply t anything sudden in the stable and yet the contradiction is that he gets bored very easily and can lose enthusiasm for training."

Her fascination with the behaviour of horses is as much a challenge as competition: getting to know from the look of the coat, the eye, the appetite, exactly what is the mental and physical condition of the beast.

She and her husband do not make money and are greatly dependent upon the sponsorship of SR Direct Mail, who own both her horses this weekend and David's two eight-year-olds, Walkabout and Super Salesman.

She feels that there will be nothing quite like her first Badminton win, at the age of 19, on Be Fair in 1973 – "you never believe beforehand it will happen to you" – but remains as excited as ever about each competition. "It's all or nothing. Of course, everyone is scared of those fences in the cross-country, but if ever I found I got frightened the whole way round, then it might be time to stop".

It is clear that the relaxed humour of her husband helps to make it an equable working marriage. There is no competition between them, she insists, and if either makes a mess of a round there is comfort from the other. Neither fancies the other's horses, which helps, and they confer on strategy. You have to admire him for working happily in a famous shadow and there is a touch of that English forthrightness of Margaret Rutherford when Mrs Green says briskly:

"Luckily for me, David's an exceptional character. My success must weigh with him but he doesn't get wound up. He's younger, and he has a lot to catch up, but he's good, and he is catching up. He lacks experience, and that's what he's getting at the minute. Unlike Chris Evert and John Lloyd, our lives when competing mostly go in the same direction, not opposite ends of the world."

Yet in the same breath she is equally frank about herself: that she has so much more to learn, that it is always so easy to be put back in your place, that every success has bidden in it somewhere a fluke. What a happy story it would be were they to represent Britain together.

David Miller

GOLF

Parkin's 73 is such fun

From Mitchell Platts
Augusta, Georgia

Philip Parkin might not win the United States Masters, which started in the Augusta National course under clear blue skies here yesterday. But, the 22-year-old British amateur champion won the hearts and admiration of the American spectators with his spectacular holf in a first round of 73 played alongside Arnold Palmer. Ben Crenshaw went six better with a score of 67 to take an early lead.

After only a handful of holes Arnie's "army" had christened Parkin "The Kid". He displayed no signs of nerves with a glorious opening drive of 300 yards. His pitch at the long second for an eagle agonizingly came to rest on the lip of the cup. When fortune swung against him, as he took four putts on the slick green at the short sixth, the crowd cringed with embarrassment. Parkin, smiling, walked towards the next tee with his hands raised aloft, like Dalglish would after scoring for Liverpool.

"It's fun whenever I play," Parkin told the spectators. He eagerly chatted with them. "Was, that a three iron you took there?," one spectator said. "Nos sir, it was a five iron," Parkin said. "Awesome", came the reply. Even Palmer seemed to be sliding into the shadows as Parkin had a birdie at the seventh from three feet.

Then he hit a five iron from 187 yards to six inches for another birdie at the eighth. Next, it was shades of Ballesteros as he curved a three at the ninth. The ball narrowly failed to carry the front bunker, but Parkin saved his par with an exquisite recovery. At the 13th he was deep in trouble among the pines and the azaleas, but, somehow, he contrived to save his par. Both Parkin, and the spectators, had enjoyed his first trip to Augusta.

EARLY LEADERS (US unless stated). 67: B Crenshaw; 71: R Black; 72: R Fehr; 73: P Parkin (GB), E Fiori, M Hatalsky.

Lady luck sees James in the lead

From Alan Booth
El Kantaoui, Sousse, Tunisia

Mark James took the first step towards retaining the Tunisian Open title when he completed a spectacular seven under par round of 65 over the 7,226 yards El Kantaoui course yesterday.

It was a round in which a measure of luck played its part, for twice James chipped to the green from 20 and 30 yards to see the ball trickle into the hole, in each case for a birdie.

Altogether he collected a total of eight birdies and an eagle, while dropping strokes at three holes. His 65 gave him a course record, beating the best 67, and what was important to the former Ryder Cup player was that he was completely comfortable in gripping his clubs, ridding himself of the problem which affected his performances for much of last season.

Even so, at the end of the day James found himself with only a slender lead, as Sam Torrance closed to within a stroke with a trouble-free round of 66, in which he claimed six birdies without dropping a shot.

Jose Rivero, of Spain, followed with 67, and rounds of 68 came from Eamonn Darcy, of Ireland, Manuel Pinero, of Spain, and Gordon Brand Jnr, runner up to James in this tournament a year ago.

For James, this was his sixth tournament of the year and while his round was far from incident free, he experienced none of the mishaps which befell him in previous events. In South Africa, he tripped over a low wall, completely ripping the nail from his big toe and so severely bruising his right foot that he was out of action for two weeks.

Then after finishing third in the Cathay Pacific Open in Hongkong, he arrived in Kuala Lumpur for the Malaysian Open to be struck down by a virus, returning home without hitting a shot.

LEADING SCORES (GB unless stated): 65: M James; 66: S Torrance; 67: J Rivero (Sp); 68: G Brand Jnr, M Pinero (Sp), E Darcy (Ire); 71: B Waites, M Martin (Sp), M Miller; 72: D Feherty, J Davila (Sp), S Bishop, A Murray, N Job, P Way, R Chapman, R Rafferty.

Vannet relies on his strength

By Lewine Mair

Of the players competing at Dunbar yesterday afternoon for the last eight places in the Scottish Boys' Championship, sponsored by STV, none came more impressively through the seaside wind than Lee Vannet of Carnoustie.

Six feet tall and 12½ st Vannet, at 16, is a good enough golfer to have acquired a handicap of plus-one. He has played for the British boy's team and is the holder of the Scottish boys' strokeplay championship.

Yesterday afternoon he was always too strong for Elliott Gray, the immensely fifted 15-year-old, winning 4 and 3.

FOOTBALL

Roma say that United took stimulants

Roma, pushed to the brink of a European Cup exit by Dundee United, on Wednesday, when they were defeated 2-0, have fired the first shots in a vindictive smear campaign which could threaten the Scottish club's progress in the competition.

The Italians yesterday accused United of using stimulants. Dino Viola, president of Roma, also questioned Siegfried Kirschen, of East Germany, the referee, about whether UEFA carried out dope tests.

The allegations were seen by Jim McLean, manager, as "just the start" of intimidatory tactics designed to turn the volatile Italian crowd against United in the second leg in Rome's olympic stadium in two weeks time.

McLean, remarked: "I did expect something like this to happen, but I didn't believe it would start quite so soon. Roma are running scared and this just shows what good losers they are." He had nothing but contempt for the suggestion that the *players were on stimulants*

MODERN PENTATHLON

Selectors omit Nowak from Olympic team

Britain's modern pentathlon selectors last night added two names to the team to compete in the Los Angeles Olympics. However, they omitted Jim Nowak, the 27 year-old Royal Navy petty officer who caused something of an upset in finishing sixth in the Diners Club international at Crystal Palace yesterday.

Nowak even beat Phelps, the British champion, previously named for Los Angeles.

He competes in Hamburg at the end of the month, alongside two other contenders for the vacant place, Nightingale and Whiteside.

The two added to the team are Stephen Sowerby, 28, and Michael Mumford, a 28 year-old Army captain from Godalming. They finished behind Nowak. Britain dominated the final event of the three-day contest, cross-country running. Nightingale took the individual honours and his British team-mate, Sowerby, was third, *Nowak fourth, Phelps fifth and Hart* sixth. Pajor, a Hungarian, won by nine points.





Pajor: snatched victory

TENNIS: LATE STARTER SET FOR THE FINISH

Bauer exceptional in all facets

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Luxembourg

Kevin Curren, who had been seeded to play Ivan Lendl in the singles final of the Luxembourg Grand Prix tournament, was beaten 6-3, 7-5 yesterday by Mike Bauer, of California, who took Chris Lewis to five sets at last year's Wimbledon. Bauer is 6ft 2in tall, weighs almost 13 stone, and hits tennis balls as if he hates the sight of them.

Americans tend to be like that. Some of them, too, can match Bauer's strikingly handsome looks. *In other respects, though*, Bauer is extraordinary. For one thing, his parents are German. For another, he has been coached by a woman, Lynne Rolley, for eight years. She happened to be coaching at his local club. He took a few lessons from her, appreciated the consequences and they went on from there.

Bauer is exceptional, too, with his proud and soldierly carriage, the kind of smartly unfussy hairstyle that used to be regarded as manly and a readiness to laugh on the rare occasions when he badly fluffs a shot. His good manners fit the rest of his personality. Yesterday's press conference had hardly begun when, aware that most of those present were not fluent in English, he asked: "Am I talking too fast?"

The cynic may suspect that Bauer's character may eventually acquire a few rough edges. But at 24, he is old enough to be his own man. A late starter because of college studies, he did not play professionally until January 1982. Thirteen months later he was good enough to beat Jimmy Conors. Now he is ranked sixty-sixth and rising. Yesterday he played a fine match.

It must be terrible to see Bauer's first service coming your way – with the formidable bulk of Bauer hotly in pursuit of it. Curren led 4-1 in the second set. But when serving at 5-5 and 30-40, he was foot-faulted (for the third time) and then completed a double-fault that left Bauer serving for the match. The whole business was a nightmare for Curren, who repeatedly grumbled about one thing or another, was warned by the umpire for an audible obscenity, and was then fined £170 by the supervisor.

The same umpire, Mike Lugg, of Britain, repeatedly called "15 seconds" to discourage Wojtek Fibak from transgressing a rule that permits the server only 30 second between points. Fibak, beaten 6-7, 6-2, 6-3 by Anders Jarryd in a match that laboriously spanned two hours and 20 minutes, exceeded the limit at least six times without good cause. But everyone concerned took a lenient view, perhaps because Fibak, only aged 31, often looked a tired old man after that tough first set.

Jarryd asserted: "He followed the rule. But 30 seconds is too much – it should be just 20 seconds." Lugg commented: "As a very experienced player, Mr Fiebak has a mental clock that often takes him to the edge of the 30-second limit." Franco Bartoni, the supervisor, added: "I timed him myself and very often he was close to the limit." All were generous; but on an afternoon dominated by a man like Bauer, such qualities as compassion and lenience could easily be tolerated.

Another charming man, Joao Soares, had to qualify for the tournament but has reached the last eight at the expense of Sandy Mayer and Heinz Gunthardt. Soares is almost 33, and last July he thought of retiring and becoming a coach. A friendly psychologist convinced him that compromise was possible. This is the Brazilian's first grand prix tournament since the United States championships. As from next month, Soares will combine competition with a coaching job in Zurich – the home of the man he beat yesteday, Gunthardt. Such a win should be good for business when Soares and his wife settle in Zurich.

"An unnecessary and potentially bloody battle" is set to take place after yesterday's announcement of a World Young Masters championship, to be held at Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre in January. So says Patrick Deuchar, the tournament director of the event with which it will clash, the World Doubles, to be staged in the same week at the Royal Albert Hall, London.

"I believe that anyone who has the best interests of the game at heart should not condone this cynical disregard for the requirements of tennis in this country", he said.

Although the world doubles are still searching for a new sponsor, and the BBC have already decided to switch to coverage of the Young Masters, Deuchar said his championship "will not go away".

BADMINTON

Fine return from Miss Webster

By Richard Eaton

There was a strong sense of déjà vu in the European championships sponsored by British Airways at Preston yesterday. Jane Webster, the part-time bank clerk from Dunstable who was European runner-up six years ago, earned herself a chance to make her name again at the same venue and in the same event.

Miss Webster reached the last eight by winning 12-10, 11-1 against Lena Staxler, of Sweden, the former Lena Axelsson, who was a European semi-finalist herself four years ago, and with her cat-on-a-hot-tin-roof style, arguably the most dangerous floater in the women's draw.

This confirmed the English player's recent concentration upon singles again in the absence of her partner Nora Perry who is having a baby this season. She needed, though to recover from 8-10 down in the first game before she overcame her opponent's frenetically intense resistance.

Six years ago Miss Webster led the great Danish player Lene Koppen 10-1 in the second game of the final and today she plays another Dane, Kirsten Larsen, the No 2 seed. She would virtually guarantee the European title for England if she could cause an upset here. Four home players reached the last eight, including the top seed Helen Troke, who dropped only three points to the Soviet girl, Tationa Litvinenko.

The Soviet Union managed to produce only one quarter-finalist, in the men's singles, where Vitaly Shmakov came through in the section in which two seeds had gone out – England's Nick Yates, beaten by Phil Sutton of Wales, and Michael Kjeldsen of Denmark, who retired with a bad back.

Sutton, dogged with injuries, had not even been sure he could finish the match against Yates, and was almost too stiff to start the one against Goran Karlsson, the Swede, against whom he won only three points.

MEN'S SINGLES: Third round: M Frost (Den) bt J Demulder (Belg), 15-2, 15-3; S Butler (Eng) bt A Spripko (USSR), 15-9, 15-5; S Baddeley (Eng) bt K Middlemiss (Scot), 15-3, 15-8; I Fredericksen (Den) bt C Rees (Wales), 15-7, 15-6; G Karlsson (Swe) bt P Sutton (Wales), 15-2, 15-1; V Shmakov (USSR) bt K Fischer (Austria), 15-7, 15-2; U Johansson (Swe) bt A White (Scot), 15-7, 15-12; J-P Nierhoff (Den) bt J Taylor (Ire), 15-1, 15-7

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Third round: H Troke (Eng) bt T Litvinenko (USSR), 11-1, 11-2; C Magnusson (Swe) bt D Underwood (Ire), 12-10, 11-5; K Beckman (Eng) bt B Wojtkowska (Pol), 11-8, 11-5; D Kjaer (Den) bt G Martin (Scot), 11-5, 11-1; E Coene (Neth) bt G Mogensen (Den), 11-7, 11-7; S Podger (Eng) bt K Schmieder (WG), 11-8, 11-2; J Webster (Eng) bt I Staxler (Swe), 12-10, 11-1; K Larsen (Den) bt C Doheny (Ire), 11-0, 11-0.

IN BRIEF

Dartford Harriers have been told to expect Zola Budd at their Southern Women's League fixture in the town tomorrow (David Powell writes). "She is definitely coming but whether or not she will run once she sees the track is a different matter," Nancy Wightman, the club chairman, said last night.

Miss Budd has not raced in Britain since her arrival in South Africa, three weeks ago. Having been granted British citizenship and membership of the Aldershot, Farnham and District Club, her next step towards Olympic selection is to run a 3,000 metres qualifying time of 9 mins 30 secs to gain entry to the United Kingdom championships in Cwmbran next month.

CYCLING: Kim Andersen of Denmark finished more than three minutes ahead of the rest of the field to win the 154-mile Fleche Wallonne race in Huy, Belgium yesterday. The chasing pack included Sean Kelly of Ireland, the American world professional road race champion of Greg Lemond, and Laurent Fignon, the 1983 Tour de France winner.

Wednesday's results

EUROPEAN CUP: Semi-finals, first leg: Dundee United 2, Roma 0; Liverpool 1, Dynamo Bucharest 0.
EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Semi-finals, first leg: Manchester United 1, Juventus 1; Porto 1, Aberdeen 0.
UEFA CUP: Semi-finals, first leg: Hajduk Split 2, Tottenham Hotspur 1; Nottingham Forest 2, Anderlecht 0.

UEFA UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-final, second leg: Spain 4, Poland 1 (agg 6–3).
ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Maidstone 1, Gateshead 0; Wealdstone 4, Telford 0.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: South Liverpool 1, Hyde 1; Worksop 2, Oswestry 2.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Welling 1, Hastings 3; Fareham 3, Cheltenham 2, Gravesend 3, Gloucester 1. Midland division: Milton Keynes 0, Redditch 2. Southern division: Andover 3, Waterlooville 1; RS Southampton 4, Ashford 2.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Blackburn 1, Burnley 0; Bolton 1, Stoke 2. Second division: Huddersfield 4, Preston 1; Rotherham 3, Grimsby 0.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Oxford 4, Norwich 1.
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Chesham 4, Cheshunt : Feltham 0, Windsor and Eton 5. Second division: Newbury 1, Letchworth 1; Tring 1, Leyton-Wingate 1
ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Edgware 1, Redhill 3.
OTHER MATCHES: Grasshopper Zurich 2, Sampdoria 1; Inter Milan 2, Toronto Blizzard 0.
INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Greece 1, Cyprus 1; Romania 0, Israel 0; Spain 2, Denmark 1.
OLYMPIC QUALIFYING MATCH: Hungary 1, Bulgaria 1.
MIDWEEK LEAGUE: Bournemouth 1, Brentford 1.
ESSEX SENIOR CUP: Semi-final: Barking 0, Southend 1

Today's fixtures

FOOTBALL

Fourth division: Halifax Town v Reading (7.30).
Football Combination: Southampton v Birmingham (3.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

First division: Leeds v Featherstone Rovers (7.0).
Second division: Carlisle v Keighley (8.0), Workington v Halifax (6.15).

OTHER SPORT

CROQUET: South of England Championships (Compton Club, Eastbourne).
GOLF: Father and Son Foursomes Tournament (West Hill GC, Brockwood, 9.30).
RACKETS: British Open Singles (Queen's Club, West Kensington, 5.30 pm).
HOCKEY: Schoolgirls Home Countries Tournament (at Keele University): Scotland v Wales (10.0); England v Ireland (10.45); England v Wales (2.30); Scotland v Ireland (3.15)

FOR THE RECORD

GOLF

WEST HILL: Father and sons foursomes tournament: Second round: P E and D P Story (17) bt D P A and J A Cox (22) 5 and 4; W T and S R Warrin (21) bt P A and S J Tedrake (18) 1 hole; R W and I W Attoe (20) bt P and R Ellis (30) 5 and 4; W J and M R Uzielli (29 bt R A and D A Wood (11) 3 and 1; R D and D T Marr (28) bt E and C Coker (21) at 19th; I F M and R H Hine (19) bt P J and J W S Rumble (17) 3 and 1; Dr F L and F R Dyson (17) bt A H and D A Browne (21) 2 and 1; V F and M V Davis (10) bt J G and B M Eckersley-Hope (17) 2 and 1; A C and M C Bryant (23) bt R P and P Dobson (14) 5 and 4; R P H and M H C Borgnis (26) bt B K and D I Wilson (16) 3 and 2; J S and P J Gilbert (16) bt J A and R H A Clark (19) 1 hole; G E and A P Tosdevin (13) bt E H and H G Smith (22) 3 and 2; J D and K M Younghusband (18) bt Dr J S and W F S Taylor (24) 2 and 1; T L and W H Barclay (9) bt R C W and N K P Stokes (12) 1 hole; J and D Niven (8) bt D I and G C Stirk (13) 5 and 4; O and A D Knill-Jones (24) bt W N and K N Herald (23) 5 and 4.

A J and P R Pentecost (25) bt D W and P Sykes (20) 1 hole; J K and J K Tullis (16) bt T F and M P Daniels (20) 5 and 4; C H and M F Beamish (14) bt E J and M I Farmer (19) 3 and 2; W A and N J Tait (13) bt T E and E Q Clutton (13) at 19th; A J and G P Skivington (13) bt P J R and R M Bathurst (16) 1 hole; D R F and A M S Lord (14) bt G and G A Goodrich (27) 7 and 5; P W S and G P Boult (20) bt C D and D F Knapp (28) 4 and 3; E T and E C Lovell (21) bt P N and W P Cox (24) 6 and 5; M D and M F Rogerson (20) bt D C and J D Dixon (16) at 20th; T W G and Betts (12) bt C and A S Taylor (15) 5 and 4; L V and W J Bailhache (23) bt A and G P Beuschler (28) at 19th; D P and D G Choyce (21) bt P J P and C P C Donald (28) 1 hole; R F M and F G A Hope (13) bt J M D and N J Grant (21) 7 and 5; P F G and M F G Fane (26) bt B and I A D White (16) 2 and 1; C and J Stapleton (18) bt Col L E O T and N D Hart (26) 3 and 2; G R and G P Bristowe (22) bt Dr M and G E Taggart (9) 3 and 2.

Third round: Warrins bt Storys, 1 hole; Attoes bt Uziellis, 3 and 1; Hines bt Marrs 3 and 2; Davises bt Dysons 3 and 2. Borgnises bt Bryants 4 and 2; Tosdevins bt Gilberts, 1 hole; Barclays bt Younghusbands 5 and 4; Nivens bt Knill-Jones 4 and 3. Pentecosts bt Tullises 2 and 1; Beamishes bt Taits, 1 hole; Skivingtons bt Lords 6 and 5; Boults bt Lovells 4 and 2. Betts bt Rogersons 2 and 1; Choyces bt Bailhache at 19th; Fanes bt Hopes 1 hole; Stapletons bt Bristowes 3 and 2.

Fourth round: R W and I W Attoe (20) bt W T and S R Martin (21) 3 and 2; V F and M V Davis (10) bt I F M and R H Hine (19) 6 and 5; G E and A P Tosdevin (13) by R P H and M H C Borgnis (26) 7 and 6; J and D H Niven (8) bt T L and W H Barclay (9) 5 and 4; C H and M F Beamish (14) bt A J and P R Pentecost (25) 2 holes; P W S and G P Boult (20) bt A J and G P Skivington (13) 1 hole; D P and D G Choyce (21) bt T W G and R Betts (12) 1 hole; P F G and M F G Fane (26) w/o C and J Stapleton.

FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Millwall 0, Southampton 4.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Port Vale 1, Manchester City 1.

BASEBALL

American League: Kansas City 5, Baltimore 2; Chicago 6, Cleveland 1; California 9, Milwaukee 5; Seattle 5, Boston 4.

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	6	0	1.000	00
Toronto	4	3	.571	3½
Cleveland	3	3	.500	3
New York	3	4	.429	3½
Boston	3	5	.375	4
Baltimore	1	5	.167	5
Milwaukee	1	6	.143	5½

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	6	1	.857	-
Oakland	5	2	.714	1
Kansas City	4	3	.571	2
Chicago	3	3	.500	2½
Minnesota	3	3	.375	2½
California	3	5	.375	3½
Texas	2	4	.333	3½

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreal 9, Cincinnati 3; San Francisco 2, Pittsburgh 1, 10 innings; New York 6, Atlanta 1; Philadelphia 7, Houston 6; San Diego 7, St. Louis 5; Los Angeles 2, Chicago.

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	6	1	.857	-
Philadelphia	5	2	.714	1
Montreal	4	4	.500	2½
Chicago	3	4	.429	3
Pittsburgh	3	4	.428	3
St Louis	3	4	.428	3

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Diego	6	1	.857	-
Cincinnati	4	4	.500	2½
Los Angeles	3	4	.429	3
San Francisco	3	4	.428	3
Atlanta	2	5	.286	4
Houston	1	6	.143	5

CROQUET

EASTBOURNE: South of England championships: Ionides Trophy (Advanced singles): Draw third round: W R D Wiggins (0) bt G Borrett (2) +23. Process, semi-final: G O H Whitlock (2) bt L Wharrad (2) +4; Mrs Wiggins bt D L Gunasekera (-½) +11. Devonshire Park Salver (Handicap singles, 2½ bisques and over): Draw and Process, final: R Andrew (4) bt R P Chappell (4) +15. Handicap singles: Third round: T D Harrison (5½) bt E C Tyrwhitt Drake (2) +23; Dr W R D Wiggins (1) bt J A Short (9) +4.

RUGBY UNION

DOWSWELL CUP FINAL: Met Police B District 12, Met Police D District 6.
CLUB MATCHES: Bedford 0, Coventry 12; Cheltenham 6, Bristol 6; Ebbw Vale 9, Cross Keys 3; Glamorgan Wanderers 14, Pontypridd 10; Leicester 31, Moseley 22; London Welsh 13, Wasps 17; Penarth 8, Bridgend 56; Swansea 21, Aberavon 10; Tredegar 12, Pontypool 25; London Irish 6, London Scottish 12.

RUGBY LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION: Oldham 2, Castleford 13; Widnes 21, Wigan 14.
SECOND DIVISION: Bramley 6, Barrow 19; Cardiff City 21, Kent Invicta 12; Rochdale Hornets 18, Keighley 6; York 35, Batley 8.

HOCKEY

Britain in line for silver

Britain are in line for the silver medal in the Universities International tournament, now being held in West Berlin in connexion with the seventy-fifth anniversary celebrations of the West German Hockey Federation (Sydney Friskin writes). They will need to beat Italy today for the silver, but are already assured of the bronze – which is the best result by a British Universities team abroad.

The British team beat Poland 4-0 yesterday morning, having earlier in the tournament defeated the Netherlands, 1-0. The goals against Poland were scored by Potter, Stansfield, Skinner and Bilsland. But in the afternoon, Britain lost 1-0 to West Germany, who made sure of the gold medal.

The British women did well to draw 2-2 with West Germany who, having beaten the Netherlands 3-0 later in the day, also made sure of the gold medal. The Netherlands won the silver medal, and Britain the bronze.

RESULTS: Men: Poland 0, Britain 4; Netherlands 2, Italy 2; West Germany 1, Britain 0; Women: Britain 2, West Germany 2; West Germany 3, Netherlands 0.

ENGLAND UNDER 18 SQUAD: B Bond (Essex), A Davey (Hampshire), L Carrington (Greater Manchester), Y Dendy (Berkshire), H Rowe (captain, Lancashire), L Bayliss (Staffordshire), S Dodd (Middlesex), H Tilsley (Cornwall), S Wright (Leicestershire), S Chandler (Kent), C Fletcher (Gloucestershire), N Hepworth (West Yorkshire), L Parker (South Yorkshire), J Sherrard (Nottinghamshire), T Wilce (Suffolk).

● A leg in plaster after an accident at netball will prevent Ann Barker, of Tong Comprehensive School, Bradford, from playing for the England Under-18 side in the home countries Junior Tournament today and tomorrow at Keele University, starting at 10am on both days (Joyce Whitehead writes). Her place will be taken by Lisa Bayliss, of Staffordshire.

YACHTING

Aston victors in Midland final

By John Nicholls

Aston won an all-Midland final when they beat Birmingham in the Biggs Wall University team race series at Oxford yesterday. They won both races in the final and, having disposed of the previously all-conquering London in one of the semi-finals, they were the new favourites to win.

Birmingham were beaten on the water by Edinburgh in the other semi-final, but won the round by being more successful in the protest room. The women's series was won by Wales A.

● A new series of four races for Solent-based yachts will commence with the Poole Bay race on May 11. Known as the Champagne Mumm Starlight Series, each of the races involves a night passage and is open to both IOR and Channel Handicap boats.

RACING: JOCKEY CLUB DISQUALIFY DERBYSHIRE GAMBLER FOR ADDITIONAL THREE YEARS

Day is banned from race riding for three months

By Michael Seely

Harry Bardsley is to see the Jockey Club investigators at Portman Square at 10.30 this morning. "Anyone who's had a meal or a drink with me should be shaking in their shoes. I could fill this building with them if I named all those concerned. There would be no top jockeys' names left on the number boards," Bardsley said.

At yesterdays' hearing at racing's headquarters the 53-year-old Derbyshire gambler was declared a disqualified person for three years. This sentence is to run consecutively to the 15-year ban already imposed on Mr Bardsley on January 31 for the bribery of Billy Newnes.

Nigel Day, the 24-year-old jockey, was banned from race riding for three months and also declared a disqualified person for the same period for accepting a bottle of whisky and a bottle of wine from Mr Bardsley at the Catterick Bridge meeting in July last year.

This gift was given in connection with Gilus, the 9-4 on winner of the Stapleton Stakes at Catterick Bridge on May 25. Day was found to be in breach of Rule 62 (ii)c, which deals with the acceptance of gifts from persons other than the owner of the horse for whom the jockey is riding.

Bardsley was also found to be in contravention of Rule 220 (i) which deals with the aiding and abetting of such offences. Both men emerged from Portman Square late yesterday afternoon after a six-hour hearing. A dejected jockey said: "It seems a bit hard, standing me down for three months for a couple of bottles."

His solicitor, Matthew McCloy, commented: "I'm disappointed with the sentence in view of Day's previous good record." As a special dispensation Day is to be allowed to continue working in Henry Cecil's stable for the duration of his ban.

The four-times champion trainer gave evidence on the jockey's behalf at the inquiry.

Day finished serving a five-year apprenticeship with Cecil in October 1983. During the latter part of that period he was acting as understudy to Lester Piggott and has ridden a total of 101 winners at home and overseas.

This season his solitary success was gained at Nottingham last week. Last October the promising young jockey Paul Eddery was engaged as the stable's No. 2 rider, although Day has continued to be employed in the yard.

On January 30 this year Bardsley was found guilty of giving Newnes a £1,000 bribe in connection with the jockey's riding of Valuable Witness in the Queen's Vase at Royal Ascot last June.

At a more recent hearing Brian Taylor was found to be not guilty of being in breach of the rules of racing in connection with a lawn mower he received from Mr Bardsley.

Last night Mr Bardsley was obviously considering the possibility of turning "Queen's evidence".

"I've arranged to see the Jockey Club again in the morning. I've not yet decided how much I will say, as I don't think there is any likelihood of them removing the whole of my sentence. This is all to do with presents and drink and is not concerned with the fixing of races," he said.

The fact that the Racecourse Security Services are prepared to see Mr Bardsley again is evidence of the fact that the authorities are interested in what he has to say and it is to be hoped that the three cases that have now been decided are not the tip of Mr Bardsley's famous iceberg.

Shoot Clear can prove sharper

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Mahogany, the ante-post favourite for the 1000 Guineas, begins her three-year-old career at Newbury today in the Fred Darling Stakes, which has been sponsored again by Shaikh-Maktoum Al Maktoum's Gainsborough Stud.

Reports about Mahogany's well-being and prowess on the gallops have continued to pour from Upper Lambourn where she is trained by Charlie Nelson. "We're all very excited about her prospects. I'm very confident she'll win the Guineas and she could be a real champion filly".

Those were Nelson's own words when he was interviewed by Timeform recently and bulletins do not come much more confident than that. He really has put his head on the block.

However, today's race is not the Guineas. It is a classic trial over seven furlongs and 60 yards on the round course at Newbury and this could easily suit Shoot Clear, my selection, better.

Michael Stoute's filly won over five, six and seven furlongs as a two-year-old and I expect her to be the sharper of the pair over this trip.

Stoute, who won this trial three years ago with Marwell, has been delighted with the way that Shoot Clear has gone in her recent work on Newmarket Heath and she has the beating of Ian Balding's runner, Inspire, on Waterford Candelabra Stakes form at Goodwood last summer.

Dick Hern's powerful West Ilsley stable swings into action today with fancied runners in the two divisions of the Spring Maiden Stakes. He could easily win both with Rough Stones (2.30) and Longboat (5.0).

Rough Stones, who is owned by the Queen, looks to have the easier task in the first division because Kinski, a very promising Nijinsky colt, has been drawn against Longboat in the second division along with Height of Summer and Spicy Story, who also shaped very nicely last year.

However, Longboat's effort at Newmarket against Alphabatim, who subsequently won the William Hill Futurity at Doncaster, is far and away superior to anything so far achieved by any of this afternoon's rivals. Being a member of the renowned Felucca female family, which has served Dick Hollingsworth so well for so long, Longboat should be in his element over today's distance, even though he is by Welsh Pageant, who was basically a miler. Stamina is the Felucca family's strong card.

Henry Cecil also sends out his first runner of the season and Van Dyke Brown looks the answer to the Sowerby Stakes at Thirsk. Van Dyke Brown was an easy winner at Yarmouth last September before succumbing to the challenge of that promising but ill-fated colt, Ashgar.

Rushmoor looks a sporting bet to win the Scottish Champion Hurdle at Ayr. My selection was pipped by Dalbury in the Imperial Cup at Sandown last month and is not penalized for winning at Ascot last week.

● Shoot Clear was laid to lose £45,000 by Ladbrokes for the 1000 Guineas yesterday and is now 9-1 second favourite (from 12-1)



Oriental magic: Shinobu Hoshino urges Desert Hero to victory (Photograph: Chris Cole)

That's entertainment with a capital 'E'

By John Karter

The great triviality, as Phil Bull once so tellingly described racing, dropped its all-too frequent mask of seriousness at Cheltenham yesterday and revealed a face that should be seen much more – that of pure entertainment.

The occasion of the first world National Hunt Jockeys' championship, sponsored by Railfreight, was blessed with the most idyllic April day and a truly international line-up of jockeys, including a Russian and a Japanese. Perhaps the only minus factor was the almost boringly predictable victory for our own John Francome, to whom the draw for mounts had been as uncannily kind as if he had rigged it himself.

The four races of the competition did demonstrate one thing clearly: that in racing, as in other sports, we British tend to be unjustifiably insular when it comes to assessing foreign opposition. Francome's mount, Don Giovanni, was backed like a certainty in the first race, the Freightrain Hurdle. Not only that, but Fulke Walwyn, who trains Desert Hero, Don Giovanni's main rival on paper, was apparently less than happy when Shinobu Hoshino, the Japanese rider, who at eight stone was the lightest rider in the competition, was drawn to ride his horse.

However, one look at Hoshino's credentials – he has won Japan's most valuable steeplechase, the Nakayama Dia Shogai, worth £250,000 in added money, three times, and has five victories in the £150,000 Tokyo Shogai Tokobetsu to his credit – and you might have known that there was a lot more to the little Oriental than just a flashing smile.

Hoshino got Desert Hero jumping with almost unprecedented fluency – Walwyn said he had never seen him jump so well – and it was clear from a long way out that he had Francome's measure.

The man with the black and red patent riding boots will not be forgotten in a hurry, either, by those who were lucky enough to be there, or by Walwyn, who said simply: "He must be a great little rider to get Desert Hero jumping like that. Now that Bill Smith has retired, he'll definitely be my first jockey next year."

It was all good humoured stuff like that and another trainer to jokingly "sack" his regular English jockey, Richard Rowe, was Josh Gifford, after Phillipe Caus, the 20-year-old Belgian rider, had done something that several top British riders had failed to do this season, namely persuade the clumsy Greenwood Lad to put in a clean round and win the third event, the Railfreight Chase.

Caus had previously finished third on Another Deed to Francome on the favourite, Fitzherbert, in the second race, the Speedlink Distribution Hurdle, and came to the last as a serious challenger to the British champion. Incidentally, Francome described Fitzherbert's race in the nicest possible way as the roughest he had ridden in for some years. "These boys just see a gap and go for it – no matter who's in the way," he said, more in amusement than anger.

The only other slightly serious notes during the afternoon were the falls of three foreign riders, Morten Reinert, of Norway (displaced collarbone), Michel Chirol, of France (badly shaken), and Husei Kasaev, of the Soviet Union (mild concussion), in the chase. They did not ride in the final event, the Speedlink International Novice Hurdle and were replaced by Peter Scudamore, John Suthern, and Sam Morshead respectively.

NEWBURY (BBC)

[Televised: (BBC 1) 2.30, 3.0, 3.30]

GOING: good

Draw: no advantage

Tote double: 3.0, 4.0. Treble: 2.30, 3.30, 4.30

2.0 BECKHAMPTON MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: colts and geldings: £1,839: 5f) (12 runners)

101 ABUTAIA (Abdulla Al-Yasin) S Matthews 9-0 ... B Jago 7
102 ALQIRM (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 9-0 ... B Rouse 1
103 DANCER'S SHADOW (Mrs H Phillips) J Tree 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 12
104 DESCHAMPS EXPRESS (P Leonard) P Mitchell 9-0 ... B Crossley 8
105 DISPORT (Mrs J Thomson) W Wightman 9-0 ... P Cook 5
106 FAIR CHARTER (M Channon) R Hannon 9-0 ... A McGlone 3 2
108 HAWKINS TENDER (Hawkins 'Harrow') J Bosley 9-0 ... I Johnson 6
109 ICE ATTACK (Mahmoud Fustok) P Cole 9-0 ... W Carson 10
110 I'M AMAZING (Mrs B Attenborough) G Balding 9-0 ... J Matthias 3
111 LAURIE LORMAN (A Bingley) J Old 9-0 ... R Wernham 4
114 TOPSOIL (J Slater) B Hills 9-0 ... S Cauthen 9
115 TRULY GREAT (S Oon) R Smyth 9-0 ... P Waldron 11

1983: Mandown Lad 9-0 B Crossley (10-1) K Brassey 9 ran.

9-4 Dancer's Shadow, 11-4 Topsoil, 4 Ice Attack, 11-2 Fair Charter, 8 Truly Great, 12 Alqirm, 16 others

2.30 SPRING MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 3-y-o: £2,823: 1m 3f) (13)

202 00- DEALAWAY (Essal 'Commodities' Ltd) G Lewis 9-0 ... P Waldron 2
203 00- DIABOLICAL LIBERTY (A Smith) J Sutcliffe 9-0 ... G Sexton 12
204 EASTER DAY (J Greetham) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0 ... G Duffield 10
212 03- JAMESMEAD (M Channon) A Bailey 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 7
213 00- KING HARRY (Mrs A Kidd) N Vigors 9-0 ... P Cook 1
216 02- MEADOWBROOK (Mrs J McDougald) I Balding 9-0 ... B Taylor 5
220 PUERTO BANUS (Newgate Ltd) P Cole 9-0 ... T Quinn 3 11
222 2- ROUGH STONES (The Queen) W Hern 9-0 ... W Carson 6
223 00- SANDICLIFFE BOY (Sandicliffe Motor Group) B Hills 9-0 ... S Cauthen 8
225 04- SCHOLAR (R Sangster) P Walwyn 9-0 ... J Mercer 4
226 0- SHIHAB (H E Al Nahayan) M Blanshard 9-0 ... R Cochrane 3
229 0-4 TACHADOR (W Morecombe) R Hodges 9-0 ... J H Brown 5 9
232 RELKOLAIRE (D Burston) H Collingridge 8-11 ... A Barclay 13.

1983: Balladier 9-0 W Newnes (6-1) H Candy 17 ran.

2 Rough Stones, 3 Meadowbrook, 4 Diabolical Liberty, 6 Sandicliffe Boy, 9 Scholar, 11 Dealaway, 14 others.

FORM: DEALAWAY, (9-0) nearly 13l 6th to Passing Affair (9-0) at Salisbury (7f, £1,327, good, Sept 8). DIABOLICAL LIBERTY, (9-0) under 10l 5th to Leadburn (9-0) at Sandown (1m, £2,960, soft, Oct 18). JAMESMEAD, (8-11) 7l 3rd to Raami (9-1) at Doncaster (1m 2f, £2,035, good, (Nov 5). MEADOWBROOK, (8-11) beaten 4l in 2nd. ROUGH STONES, (9-0) 2½l 2nd to Hidden Destiny (9-0) at Leicester (1m, £828, good to firm, Nov 1). SCHOLAR, (9-0) just over 6l 4th to Prince Crow (9-0) at Wolverhampton (1m 1f, £890, soft, Oct 19).
Selection: ROUGH STONES.

Newbury selections

By Mandarin
2.0 Dancer's Shadow. 2.30 Rough Stones. 3.0 Shoot Clear. 3.30 Cut A Dash. 4.0 Bechamel. 4.30 Pagan Sun. 5.0 LONGBOAT (nap).

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.30 Easter Day. 3.0 Shoot Clear. 3.30 Dark Proposal. 4.0 Bechamel. 4.30 Miss Saint-Cloud. 5.0 Jameel.

By Michael Seely
2.0 Dancer's Shadow. 3.0 SHOOT CLEAR (nap). 5.0 Longboat.

3.0 GAINSBOROUGH STUD FRED DARLING STAKES (Group III: 3-y-o fillies: £13, 376: 7f 60yd) (12)

301 30200-0 AFRICAN ABANDON (A Richards) C Brittain 9-0 ... P Bradwell 9
302 310- ALGHUZAYLAH (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) Thomson Jones 9-0 ... A Murray 6
303 2- COULEE QUEEN (A Boon) B Hills 9-0 ... S Cauthen 8
304 41- CREMETS (R Percival) J Dunlop 9-0 ... W Carson 3
306 02- ELKIE BROOKS (R Popely) D H Jones 9-0 ... A Barclay 12
308 3d0d- INSPIRE (M Jenney) I Balding 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 4
309 11- MAHOGANY (Mrs W Tulloch) C Nelson 9-0 ... J Mercer 1
310 003124- MARUTHAYOOR (Dr K Menon) P Cole 9-0 ... T Quinn 2
311 410200- MYSTERY SHIP (Mrs M Simpson) M Usher 9-0 ... P Waldron 7
312 21113- SHOOT CLEAR (R Cowell) M Stoute 9-0 ... W R Swinburn 10
313 1- STINGING NETTLE (Miss V Hermon-Hodge) G Hunter 9-0 ... B Rouse 5
314 00301- TENDER MOON (S Wong) B Hanbury 9-0 ... G Baxter 11

1983: Goodbye Shelley 9-0 J Lowe 9-0 (9-1) S Norton 9 ran.

6-4 Mahogany, 7-2 Shoot Clear, 5 Cremets, 6 Inspire, 8 Stinging Nettle, 12 Coulee Queen, 14 others

FORM: ALGHUZAYLAH, 5th Final Start, (8-5) beat Deccan Queen (8-8) ½l at Beverley (5f, £4,103, good, June 8). COULEE QUEEN, (8-8) ½ 2nd to Claude Monet (8-11) at Doncaster (7f, £1,490, good, Oct 21). CREMETS, (8-11) ran on well to beat Saturnian (9-0) 2l here (6f, £2,784, good, Oct 20). MOHOGANY, (8-8) had. MYSTERY SHIP, (8-8) back in 11th when scoring at Newmarket (7f, £10,768, good, Oct 14). MARUTHAYOOR, (8-8) about 2½l 4th and MYSTERY SHIP, (8-12) not in first 10 behind Betsy Bay (8-8) over course and distance (£6,427, good, Oct 20). SHOOT CLEAR, 3rd over 8f Final Start, (8-9 had scored at Goodwood when. INSPIRE, (8-8) was about 8l adrift in 7th (7f, £16,448, good to firm, Aug 26). STINGING NETTLE, (8-3) beat Chaumiere (8-8) a neck at Ascot (6f, £5,517, good to firm, Oct 7).
Selection: MAHOGANY.

3.30 U D T HANDICAP (£4,214: 2m) (14)

403 42032-0 NESTOR (P Hamlyn) D Nicholson 4-9-7 ... P Waldron 14
404 3333-40 ORANGE REEF (M Gilkston) G Kindersley 4-8-3 ... NON-RUNNER 2
405 133000- MORGANS CHOICE (D) (C Hill) C Hill 7-8-12 ... L Piggott 13
407 310310- HI LOVE (D) (D Deer) B Hills 4-8-11 ... S Cauthen 7
408 34003-3 CONTESTER (BF) (P Winfield) P Cundell 4-8-11 ... W Carson 11
409 00210- END OF THE ROAD (Winterbourne Construction) J King 4-8-8 W R Swinburn 3
412 020010- DARK PROPOSAL (D) (Mrs J Phillips) B Hanbury 6-8-1 ... P Hamblett 4
414 000440- FEELS RIGHT (Shaikh Amin Dahlawi) D Nicholson 4-7-12 ... R Fox 10
415 0022/ CUT A DASH (D Larke) Mrs N Smith 5-7-12 ... T Williams 7 5
416 20300-0 TINOCO (Mrs J Biggs) R Hollinshead 4-7-10 ... W Ryan 5 6
417 20300-4 CHEKA (D) (P Mellon) I Balding 8-7-7 ... E Johnson 1
418 00000-0 CADDAGAT (Mrs P Lovell-Smith) D Sasse 4-7-7 ... D McKay 8
419 00/ WINMARIE (A Newcombe) C Hill 5-7-7 ... A McGlone 3 9
420 /00320- EL CITO (C Mitchell) N Mitchell 7-7-7 ... NON-RUNNER 12

1983: Wet Bob 5-7-3 S Dawson (11-4 fav) R Holder 10 ran.

7-2 Contester, 4 Hi Love, 9-2 Cut A Dash, 11-2 End Of The Road, 13-2 Cheka, 8 Morgans Choice, 12 Dark Proposal, 16 others.

FORM: NESTOR (9-2) 13l 6th to Regal Steel (8-7) at Doncaster (1m 4f, £3,381, good to firm, Mar 22). ORANGE REEF (8-12) had CONTESTER (8-5) ¾l behind when nearly 9l 4th to Wonder Wood (7-7) a Doncaster (2m 2f, £9,006, good to firm, Mar 23). HI LOVE (8-9) 6l 5th to Statesmanship (9-3) at Newmarket (1m 6f, £4,045, Good, Oct 13) with CADDAGAT (7-7) well behind. END OF THE ROAD unplaced at Redcar Sept, previously (8-5) beat Bayrak (8-5) at same track (1m 7f, £1,604, good to firm, Sept 13). DARK PROPOSAL, unplaced Doncaster Nov, previously (9-10) beat Worth Avenue (8-3) 8l at Longfield (2m, £2,136, good, Oct 31). FEELS RIGHT (8-11) beaten over 4l when 7th to Chidown (8-11) at Sandown (1m 6f, £1,979, soft, Oct 18). ORANGE REEF latest (9-8) 9th beaten over 10l to Canio (7-10) at Longfield (2m, £2,674, good to soft, April 11).
Selection: HI LOVE.

4.0 CHEVELEY HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,081: 5f) (14)

501 d0430-2 HILTON BROWN (D) (Ld McAlpine) P Cundell 9-7 ... W Carson 9
502 040210- GENTLE GYPSY (D) (J Prenn) J Winter 9-4 ... B Taylor 4
505 11300-4 CLANTIME (D) (Clantime Ltd) J Berry 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 14
506 431- BECHAMEL (D) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 8-13 ... D McHargue 11
507 00030-0 DINADAN (Mrs J Crawford) J Holt 8-10 ... P Waldron 13
509 440000- CLASSICAL VINTAGE (D) (G Lucas) J Bradley 8-6 ... R Fox 6
510 03100-1 YOU LOVE ME (D) (L Hughes) R Hollinshead 8-6 ... W Ryan 5 3
511 020110- MIAMI PRINCE (C Wates) P Cole 8-2 ... T Quinn 3 2
514 00421- ADDAANA (D) (B) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) Thomson Jones 7-11 ... R Hills 3 5
515 03400- NATIVE HERO (F Garvin) P Mitchell 7-11 ... A McGlone 3 7
516 000-21 DEALT (D) (Lady Clanwilliam) J Toller 7-9 (7 ex) ... A Mackay 1
519 000000- EWELL PLACE (T Mills) A Ingham 7-7 ... R Still 12
521 003002- BROWN TAW (C Hill) C Hill 7-7 ... B Crossley 8
522 0020- RAGASON (M McCourt) M McCourt 7-7 ... T Williams 7 10

1983: Dry Land 8-4 P Eddery (9-2) J Tree 8 ran.

3 Clantime, 7-2 You Love Me, 9-2 Bechamel, 5 Dealt, 7 Hilton Brown, 9 Addaana, 12 Miami Prince, 16 others.

FORM: HILTON BROWN (8-13) beaten ½l by You Love Me (7-7) at Doncaster (5f, £2,835, good, Mar 22). GENTLE GYPSY unplaced final start, earlier (9-7) beat Kellys Reef (9-0) at Wolverhampton (5f, £935, soft, Oct 19). CLANTIME (8-2) beaten 4l by Lak Lustre (7-12) at Haydock (5f, £3,459, good, April 5). BECHAMEL (8-11) easy 4l winner from Some Would (8-11) at Wolverhampton (5f, £828, good, Sept 12). MIAMI PRINCE unplaced final start, earlier (8-11) beat Storm Foot (9-1) by 3l at Nottingham (6f, £2,025, good to firm, Sept 27). ADDAANA (8-11) beat Westgate Lady (8-11) by 3l at Chepstow (5f, £926, soft, Oct 17). DEALT (8-2) beat Mummy's Chick (8-8) by ¾l at Nottingham (5f, £1,257, good to soft, April 4).
Selection: ADDAANA.

4.30 STROUD GREEN HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,346: 1m) (15)

603 0041- REALLY HONEST (J Rafsky) B Hanbury 9-7 ... S Cauthen 3
604 100- RUNNING BULL (Mrs A Manning) B Hanbury 9-7 ... P Hamblett 2
605 21- BARRY SHEENE (Mrs A Ferguson) J Dunlop 9-7 ... W Carson 1
606 444200- MR ROCHESTER (A Herbage) G Balding 9-6 ... J Matthias 6
609 30330-0 VICEROY LAD (F Broom) R Hannon 9-5 ... A McGlone 3 7
610 1- MISS SAINT-CLOUD (J Pearce) M Stoute 9-3 ... W R Swinburn 14
611 1240-14 PAGAN SUN (BF) (D Harrison) A Bailey 9-1 ... P Bloomfield 5 5
612 400130- OWING STEVEN (Dr S Bennett) R Hannon 9-1 ... L Jones 7 10
613 0063- JOHN PATRICK (P Bowes) P Mitchell 9-0 ... T Ives 8
616 412430- SAMS WOOD (H Wright) T Fairhurst 8-12 ... R P Elliott 9
617 030- PROMISED ISLE (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) J Dunlop 8-11 ... B Rouse 15
619 30-0021 NATIVE SPELL (D) (Exors of late M Robinson) R Armstrong 8-6 ... - 11
620 111400- LAWNSWOOD AVENGER (A Hill) D Nicholson 8-6 ... R Fox 13
623 00002- HELLCATMUDWRESTLER (Rokdvale Ltd) N Callaghan 8-2 ... M L Thomas 12
625 004-9 TAYGETUS (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 7-13 ... P Robinson 4

1983: Hawkley 8-13 B Crossley (4-1) K Brassey 10 ran.

5-2 Miss Saint-Cloud, 7-2 Barry Sheene, 4 Really Honest, 6 Pagan Sun, 8 Native Spell, 10 Promised Isle, 12 Taygetus, 16 others.

BARRY SHEENE (9-0) beat Wunderkind (9-0) a neck at Leicester (7f, £1,035, good, Sep 20). MR ROCHESTER (9-0) was 4½ l 5th when PAGAN SUN (7-8) beaten short head into 2nd by Bastille (8-8) at Doncaster (7f, £3,200, good to firm, Oct 22). VICEROY LAD (9-4) prominent 5f when out of first 9 behind Tophams Taverns (9-7) at Salisbury (8f, £2,391, good, Apr 7). TAYGETUS (7-12) also finished in ruck. MISS SAINT-CLOUD (8-8) was ½ l scorer from Sindos (8-8) at Doncaster (7f, £1,480, good, Oct 21). JOHN PATRICK (9-0) had 4th beaten 10l when just over 1l 3rd to Leyah (9-0) at Lingfield (7f, £2,390, good to firm, Oct 31). SAMS WOOD (8-4) 6 ½ l 7th with VICEROY LAD (8-8) about 3 ½ l ahead in 3rd, behind River Scape (8-1) at Leicester (7f, £1,751, good, Sep 19). NATIVE SPELL (8-9) beat Jeromella (8-4) 1½ l at Cagnes (8f, £3,300, good to soft, Mar 6). HELLCATMUDWRESTLER (8-3) 2l 2nd to Foot Patrol (8-13) at Newmarket (6f, £3,657, good to firm, Oct 29).
Selection: HELLCATMUDWRESTLER.

5.0 SPRING MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 3-y-o: £2,795: 1m 3f) (12)

205 04- ELIASO (Elisha Holding) G Lewis 9-0 ... P Waldron 9
208 03- HEIGHT OF SUMMER (R Crutchley) R Houghton 9-0 ... J Reid 10
209 0-0 HEIRONYMOUS (W Gredley) C Brittain 9-0 ... P Robinson 1
210 0- INLANDER (L Holliday) H Candy 9-0 ... J Matthias 4
211 JAMEEL (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0 ... W R Swinburn 8
214 8- KINSKI (K Abdulla) J Tree 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 6
215 0- LONGBOAT (R Hollingsworth) W Hern 9-0 ... W Carson 11
218 OGRE (Yahya Nasib) N Callaghan 9-0 ... P Tulk 12
219 PENTHOUSE (B Mc Nall) J Dunlop 9-0 ... - 5
227 SIRUNDY (P Goulandris) P Walwyn 9-0 ... J Mercer 7
228 02- SPICY STORY (P Mellon) I Balding 9-0 ... L Piggott 2
231 PEGEEN (C Townsend) B Hobbs 8-11 ... G Baxter 3

1983: No corresponding division

9-4 Longboat, 11-4 Kinski, 4 Jameel, 6 Spicy Story, 8 Height Of Summer, 10 Inlander, 14 others.

ELIASO (9-0) 8 1/2l 4th to Royal Halo (9-0) at Lingfield (7f, £2,330, good to firm, Oct 31). HEIGHT OF SUMMER (8-11) 43/4l 3rd to Donzel (8-11) at Ascot (7f, £8,673, good to firm, Sept 23). INLANDER (9-0) 12 3/4l 5th to Bold Parriach (9-0) at Leicester (7f, £2,823, good, Oct 18). KINSKI (8-11) over 5 1/2l 7th to Condrillac (8-11) at Newmarket (7f, £9,351, good, Oct 15). LONGBOAT (9-0) 4l 2nd to Alphabatim (9-0) at Newmarket (1m, £4,572, firm, Oct 1). SPICY STORY (8-11) beaten a head when 2nd to Gambler's Cup (8-11) at Goodwood (1m, £4,383, good, Sept 1).
Selection: SPICY STORY.

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GOING: good

2.15 KYLES OF BUTE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,329: 2m) (15 runners)

2 2134 TARTAN TRADER (C,D) G Richards 7-11-7 ... N Doughty
4 0400- GALATCH (C,D) W Wells 7-11-4 ... J J O'Neill
5 2p03 PENSCYNOR (D) M Lambert 8-11-4 ... P A Charlton
6 3121 PAUSE FOR THOUGHT (D) Denys Smith 7-11-4 C Grant
7 1141 EMPRESS JEANNIE (D) L Foster 7-11-4 (8 ex) ... Mr C Storey 7
10 0102 PENNY'S DREAM (C,D) V Thompson 5-11-2 ... Mr M Thompson 7
11 0221 BLUE TARQUIN (D,B) J FitzGerald 5-10-13 (4 ex) ... R O'Leary
13 0tp0 WESTWOOD DEAL (D) M Naughton 7-10-9 ... R Townend
15 0024 RABY C H Bell 5-10-4 ... P Tuck
16 00-00 BELLITICO J Charlton 6-10-1 ... Mr R J Beggan 4
17 04f0 MARK EDELSON (C,D) J Jefferson 7-10-1 ... M Hill 4
19 0400 LAURENCE PARSONS T Craig 7-10-0 ... M Ennis
20 0300 FERNEZ (D) H McConnell 9-10-0 ... Mrs A Robertson
21 0-400 ROMAN DISPLAY (B) J Charlton 7-10-0 ... N McCormack
22 3000 LAUGH-A-MINUTE (C,D) Mrs D Culham 5-10-0 ... R Earnshaw

1983: Cloudwalker 5-10-9 P Charlton (8-1) M Lambert 16 ran.

11-4 Blue Tarquin, 100-30 Pause For Thought, 4 Empress Jeannie, 6 Tartan Trader, 9 Galatch, 12 Penny's Dream, 16 Raby, 20 others.

Ayr selections

By Mandarin
2.15 Tartan Trader. 2.45 Castle Warden. 3.15 Rushmoor. 3.45 Urser. 4.15 Grinders. 4.45 Roman Mariner.

2.45 GEORGE GRAHAM MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,658: 3m 110yd) (12)

1 10p0- BLUE REEF (C,D) W A Stephenson 9-12-4 ... R Lamb
2 1303 LITTLE FRENCHMAN E Robson 11-12-0 ... C Pimlott
4 0020 MR SNUGFIT (D) M W Easterby 7-11-11 ... P Tuck
5 04p4 THE ENGINEER (C,D) Ld Kilmany 12-11-5 ... -
6 0313 GEARYS COLD ROLLED Denys Smith 7-11-4 ... C Grant
13 Spp0 CHANCE COMMAND (B) P Calver 9-11-0 ... J J O'Neill
14 1214 WEEWUMPAWUD J Storey 9-11-0 ... Mr C Storey 7
15 f/2f1 SLASHER (C) G B Fairburn 10-10-11 ... P A Charlton
17 644p CAHERTY (C,D) Mrs J Gledson 10-10-4 ... A Stringer
18 4ft-2 CASTLE WARDEN J Edwards 7-10-4 ... P Barton
19 p0p2 PRETTY LASS R Woodhouse 7-10-0 ... -
21 0342 HAZY GLEN T Barnes 6-10-0 ... M Barnes

1983: The Engineer 11-11-3 G Holmes (25-1) Ld Kilmany 8 ran.

3 Slasher, 7-2 Gearys Cold Rolled, 9-2 The Engineer, 6 Little Frenchman, 8 Mr Snugfit, 10 Chance Command, 14 Weewumpawud, 16 others.

3.15 SCOTTISH CHAMPION HURDLE LIMITED HANDICAP (£4,331: 2m) (8)

2 0030 MIGRATOR (D) Mrs M Rimell 8-11-7 ... -
3 4f20 PATH OF PEACE (D) C Thornton 8-11-5 ... J J O'Neill
4 2110 HILL'S GUARD (D) (BF) A Scott 5-11-2 ... A Stringer
5 1110 AONOCH (D) (BF) R Fisher 5-11-2 ... J Duggan 7er 7
6 1100 BALLYDURROW (D) R Fisher 7-11-0 ... Mr M Meagher 7
7 2000 CARDINAL FLOWER (C,D) A Scott 7-11-0 ... H Davies
8 4201 RUSHMOOR (D) R Peacock 6-10-13 ... P Scudamore
9 0000 SWORD GAME (C,D) G Richards 8-10-7 ... D Coakley 4

1983: Royal Vulcan 5-11-13 P Scudamore (7-2) N Callaghan 6 ran.

15-8 Rushmoor, 9-4 Migrator, 4 Aonoch, 11-2 Hills Guard, 10 Ballydurrow, 14 others.

FORM: MIGRATOR (11-7) 25l 5th to Desert Orchid (11-2) at Wincanton (2m, £6,059, good to soft, Feb 23). RUSHMOOR (10-11) had PATH OF PEACE (11-3) 11½l back in 5th and HILLS GUARD (11-0) a further 7l away in 8th when Ascot winner (2m, £4,729, good, Apr 4). Earlier HILLS GUARD (10-11) had PATH OF PEACE (11-5) 8l back in 2nd when Cheltenham winner (2m, £8,706, good, Mar 15). Here RUSHMOOR (10-12) finished unplaced. AONOCH, unplaced last time, earlier (11-0) Chepstow winner Penny Bank (11-0) (2m, £1,113, good to soft, Mar 10). BALLYDURROW (11-4) and SWORD GAME (10-2) 9th and 10th to Street Angel (11-2) at Liverpool (2m £4,103, good, Mar 29). Earlier BALLYDURROW (12-0) beat HILLS GUARD (11-8) by a head at Haydock (2m, £1,438, good to soft, Jan 5). CARDINAL FLOWER (10-10) unplaced in Schweppes when HILLS GUARD (10-0) 4½l 3rd to Ra Nova (10-13) (2m, Newbury, good to soft, Feb 11).
Selection: RUSHMOOR.

3.45 R M C GROUP NOVICE HUNTER CHASE (amateurs: £1,190: 3m 110yd) (10)

1 2112 URSER (C,D) M W Easterby 10-12-10 ... J Beggan 4
2 1 CHEERIE CHIEF H Barclay 8-12-0 ... K Anderson 7
3 0-4p1 KIKORI R Bethell 9-12-0 ... W Bethell 7
4 1304 ANSURO (D) Miss R Scholey 7-11-9 ... -
8 0 MY GOOD MAN Mrs D Campbell 7-11-9 ... C Campbell 7
9 400-0 NELSONS BEACH G Dun 6-11-9 ... J M Dun 7
10 p-230 PANEGYRIST C Alexander 9-11-9 ... P Craggs
12 02p0 PELARO R Johnson 8-11-9 ... -
14 CLEAR CRY Mrs J Jordan 11-11-4 ... -
18 00p/T VULTOP Miss Z Green 9-11-4 ... C Storey 7

1983: Willow Burn 9-11-12 A Dudgeon (11-8) R Brewis 7 ran.

2 Urser, 11-4 Cheerie Chief, 7-2 Ansuro, 7 Kikori, 10 Panegyrist, 14 Pelaro, 20 others.

4.15 SEAFIELD NOVICE CHASE (£1,722: 3m 110yd) (8)

2 22u3 BALLY-GO M W Easterby 7-11-12 ... P Tuck
3 1122 GRINDERS (C,D) E Carter 6-11-12 ... P A Charlton
4 0001 ANCHOR MAN Mrs A Hamilton 9-11-7 ... B Storey 4
5 pf01 GRANGETOWN C H Bell 6-11-7 ... R O'Leary
6 210u JEDDART JUSTICE (BF) J Edwards 6-11-7 ... -
15 0000 HUMMELMOOR A Macteggart 7-11-2 ... C Pimlott
19 4-000 MR PHILSON S Shields (Ire) 10-11-2 ... -
23 04f3 THELMAS SECRET T Barnes 7-10-11 ... M Barnes

1983: Burnt Oak 7-11-7 P Scudamore (11-10 fav) D Nicholson 12 ran.

5-4 Grinders, 3 Bally-Go, 5 Anchor Man, 7 Jeddart Justice, 10 Thelma's Secret, 14 others.

4.45 HAYHILL NOVICE HURDLE (£1,166: 2m 6f) (15)

3 3112 RUN LEAH RUN (C,D) R Fisher 5-11-12 ... Mr M Meagher 7
4 2-431 ROMAN MARINER (B) G Richards 5-11-7 ... D Coakley 4
6 0000 BEAM OF LIGHT R Bethell 7-11-2 ... Mr W Bethell 7
7 0/00-0 BILLSBAY R Dixon 7-11-2 ... -
8 00p0 BLACK COMBE R Fisher 6-11-2 ... J Duggan 7
9 0 BROOKSEY I Jordan 7-11-2 ... -
11 03-0f HARTSIDE HILL T Dun 5-11-2 ... Mr P J Dun 7
14 0002 SECRET LAKE D MacDonald 5-11-2 ... C Hawkins
16 00 THE MILITARY GENT J Gilmour 9-11-2 ... T G Dun
17 8 YES SIR YOU SIR D Moorhead 5-11-2 ... N Doughty
19 0030 CORRIELEK G Fairbairn 7-10-11 ... P A Charlton
20 0002 DYNADEE Mrs A Hamilton 6-10-11 ... B Storey 4
21 0-p FIDESSA W H Williams 6-10-11 ... S Charlton
22 0-000 HEARTBREAK HOTEL Miss B Oliver 6-10-11 ... -
23 MYSTERY RUN M Naughton 5-10-11 ... R Townend

1983: Full Measure 711-5 C Grant (9-1) D Moorhead 18 ran.

13-8 Roman Mariner, 7-2 Run Leah Run, 4 Secret Lake, 11-2 Dynadee, 8 Corrielek, 14 others.

THIRSK

GOING: good

Draw: 5-6f high, 7f and over low numbers.

2.0 BRITON STAKES (2-y-o: £2,189: 5f) (15 runners)

3 12 ABSENT CHIMES (D) (BF) D Thom 9-4 ... G Starkey 7
4 31 COINCIDENTAL (D) Lambert 9-4 ... S Perks 8
5 41 BRAMPTON GRACE (D) W Wharton 9-1 ... W Wharton 9
9 6 NICE BUSINESS N Tinkler 8-11 ... D Nicholls 5
10 PALHACO M H Easterby 8-11 ... M Birch 13
11 PAMPERED SON C A Bell 8-11 ... J Lowe 10
12 0 PATH OVER THE MOOR (B) F Carr 8-11 ... J Carr 7 1
14 0 SMILE-A-MILE D Yeoman 8-11 ... S Keightley 14
15 0 DADEKA DAWES Mrs M Nesbitt 8-8 ... A Crook 6
18 4 FORDHAMS FANCY J Berry 8-8 ... K Darley 4
19 FREEWAYS VENTURER Thompson 8-8 ... M McAndrew 7 12
20 LAUGHING MATTER M W Easterby 8-8 ... K Hodgson 15
21 LUCKY SONG J Etherington 8-8 ... M Wood 11
22 0 NORTHERN BALLERINA E Carter 8-8 ... C Dwyer 2
24 0 PRINCESS WENDY M W Easterby 8-8 ... B Raymond 3

1983: Deccan Quen 8-5 A Mackay (12-1) E Eldin, 14 ran.

6-4 Absent Chimes, 2 Brampton Grace, Coincidental, 4 Laughing Matter 8 Fordhams Fancy. 10 others.

Thirsk selections

By Mandarin
2.0 Absent Chimes. 2.30 Single Hand. 3.0 Ballad Island. 3.30 Van Dyke Brown. 4.0 Eastform. 4.30 Daring Display.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 Absent Chimes. 2.30 Tez Shazada. 3.0 Ballad Island. 3.30 Van Dyke Brown. 4.0 Capricorn Saint. 4.30 Lightning Girl.

2.30 KNAYTON SELLING STAKES (£1,214: 6f) (25)

3 40-34 PLEASURABLE E Alston 4-9-13 ... M Alston 7 15
4 1300- SINGLE HAND D Chapman 4-9-13 ... D Nicholls 22
5 400-0 RAPID LADY Mrs M Nesbitt 4-9-10 ... S Horsfall 5 14
6 4/0 CALCUBET R Stubbs 4-9-7 ... S Webster 3
9 0/ JACK'S LAD A Potts 4-9-7 ... O Gray 21
10 000-0 TEZ SHAHZADA (B) P Haslam 4-9-7 ... B Raymond 20
11 400- CITY SWINGER W Wharton 4-9-4 ... - 25
12 200-3 DEBAYO (B) S Norton 4-9-4 ... - 24
13 000- MARCH AT DAWN B McMahon 4-9-4 ... - 16
14 0 UPTOWN GIRL J Smith 4-9-4 ... - 23
16 1000- AIREDALE TRAVEL (D) M W Easterby 3-9-1 ... A Dickman 9
17 210- BOARDMANS DELIGHT J Berry 3-8-12 ... J Carroll 7 12
18 0000- JUDY'S DOWRY W Wharton 3-8-12 ... W Wharton 13
21 000- BRAVE WORDS P Rohan 3-8-9 ... M Birch 18
22 000-0 GOLD TOBY P Felgate 3-8-9 ... - 2
23 000-0 JONDAO (B) W Bentley 3-8-9 ... N Carlisle 19
24 004-0 RICHARD'S RETURN Hbt Jones 3-8-9 ... E Hide 11
25 300-0 SAMBOLA J Mason 3-8-9 ... - 10
27 0-0 TIDDLYEYETYE I Vickers 3-8-9 ... M Fry 1
28 00-4 BIG SMILE R Thompson 3-8-6 ... M McAndrew 7 4
29 000-0 BOLDERA D Chapman 3-8-6 ... S P Griffiths 7 8
30 0000- HEMBLETON LADY E Carr 3-8-6 ... L Charnock 17
31 0000- JUST A THOUGHT M H Easterby 3-8-6 ... K Hodgson 5
33 00-0 MEIO LEME (BF) A Jarvis 3-8-6 ... Paul Eddery 6
34 000-0 WENSUM LASS B Richmond 3-8-6 ... S Keightley 7

1983: Caran D'Ache 4-9-7 J Matthias (6-1) G Balding, 16 ran.

2 Debayo, 3 Boardmans Delight, 4 Airedale Travel, 6 Single Hand, Pleasurable, 8 Big Smile, 10 others.

3.0 BIRDFORTH HANDICAP (£2,838: 1m) (18)

1 4014- KELLATHI (D) F Durr 4-10-0 ... G Starkey 14
2 0000- SILVER SEASON (D) C A Bell 6-9-12 ... E Hide 15
3 0/00- STAY SHARP P Kelleway 4-9-8 ... Gay Kelleway 5 1
5 000-1 DINHAM PARK J FitzGerald 7-9-5 ... G Brown 7 18
6 040-0 HOOLIGAN P Rohan 4-9-5 ... M Birch 13
7 3000- AIR COMMAND Mrs G Reveley 4-9-3 ... E Guest 5 2
8 0030- SIDAB W Musson 4-9-1 ... - 6
9 000-0 MURILLO (B) F Carr 8-9-1 ... J Carr 7 17
11 120-1 LADY DONARO (D) J Berry 4-8-11 (5 ex) ... K Darley 16
12 20-04 WIBIS RANGE (CD) J Wilson 5-8-8 ... S Dawson 5 12
13 330-0 BALLAND ISLAND (D) M Jarvis 4-8-8 ... B Raymond 9
14 040-0 LEASE OF LIFE (CD) C Thornton 4-8-6 ... J Bleasdale 7
15 0000- STAR OF IRELAND A Jarvis 4-8-4 ... J Lowe 8
16 0114- HELEXIAN N Tinkler 7-8-4 ... Paul Eddery 11
18 0003/ FRIENDLY FUN (C) N Crump 9-8-0 ... O Gray 3
20 041-0 TOP O'TH'LANE (CD) N Bycroft 7-7-13 ... L Charnock 4
21 000-0 STEEL VENTURE (D) M Ryan 5-7-12 ... A Bond 10
24 1-001 QUALITAIR PRINCE (D) M Ryan 5-7-13 (5 ex) ... M Fozzard 7 5

1983: (3-y-o): Ballad Island 7-1 W Ryan (8-11 fav) M Jarvis, 10 ran.

3 Ballad Island, 9-2 Qualitair Prince, 7 Hooligan, 8 Lady Donaro, 10 Wibis Range, Dunham Park, 12 Silver Season, Lease Of Life, Murillo

3.30 SOWERBY STAKES (3-y-o: £2,152: 1m 4f) (5)

4 1-3 LIBRATE (BF) G Harwood 9-0 ... G Starkey 4
6 0012- VAN DYKE BROWN H Cecil 9-0 ... Paul Eddery 2
8 41 SIGNORINA ODONE C Gray 8-11 ... N Connorton 1
9 0210- WORTH WHILE C Spares 8-11 ... G Carter 7 3
15 3 SISTER DYMPNA (BF) M Jarvis 8-7 ... B Raymond 5

1983: High Cannon 8-13 C Olivier (13-8) S Norton, 8 ran.

Evens Librate, 5-2 Sister Dympna, 3 Van Dyke Brown, 20 Worth While. Signorina Odone.

4.0 OAKSTRIPE HANDICAP (£2,264: 7f) (16)

1 00-11 EASTFORM (D) D Chapman 4-9-12 (6 ex) ... D Nicholls 16
2 421-0 ROMANTIC KNIGHT (CD) M H Easterby 4-9-11 ... M Birch 12
4 4200 LA PERRICHOLI 4-8-7 ... R Curant 2
6 4000- CHIKALA (B) Miss S Hall 4-8-10 ... - 8
7 0/01- CAPRICORN SAINT (D) C Spares 4-8-10 ... N Day 6
8 3000- RIX WOODCOCK P Kelleway 3-8-10 ... - 9
9 4400- WATER PISTOL (D) M Lambert 4-8-9 ... S McCrystal 7 4
10 0040- MARSHALL RED J Mason 4-8-4 ... - 11
12 000-0 WHITE NILE C Booth 4-8-3 ... G Oldroyd 14
13 000-2 VALLEY MILLS T Barron 4-8-3 ... B Raymond 5
14 00-00 CUTACROSS A Potts 4-8-1 ... O Gray 3
15 0011- NATINA-MAY T Fairhurst 3-7-13 ... M Beecroft 7
16 0000- LADY CAROL N Bycroft 4-7-12 ... L Charnock 1
17 0100- INDIAN DAWN S Norton 3-7-11 ... J Lowe 13
18 1000- MAGIC MUSHROOM D Garraton 3-7-9 ... - 10
20 204-0 MISS BELLA J Berry 3-7-7 ... K Darley 15

1983: Lymond 4-7-10 Paul Eddery (16-1) N Tinkler, 16 ran.

11-4 Eastform, 100-30 Valley Mills, 5 Miss Bella, 6 Rix Woodcock, Romantic Knight, 8 Indian Dawn, 10 La Perricholi, 12 others.

4.30 HAMBLETON STAKES (3-y-o: £1,693: 5f) (14)

1 000-1 DARING DISPLAY (D) G Hunter 9-4 ... B Raymond 3
2 420-0 CROWFOOT'S COUTURE P Kelleway 9-0 ... M Miller 13
5 0003- HAY STREET Mrs C Reavey 9-0 ... G Starkey 8
6 0- HOME AND TRADE B McMahon 9-0 ... - 2
7 0000- LITTLE WIZARD Mrs M Nesbitt 9-0 ... A Crook 9
8 000-0 MAJOR MUSIC A Jarvis 9-0 ... J Lowe 6
11 0000- ROCABAY BLUE M Camacho 9-0 ... N Connorton 7
12 004-4 TRIAD TREBLE Hbt Jones 9-0 ... E Hide 4
13 0400- YOUNG KNIGHT M H Easterby 9-0 ... K Hodgson 14
14 00- BLUE DONNA C Spares 8-11 ... N Day 10
15 CRIMSON RING F Carr 8-11 ... C Dwyer 1
16 000-0 LAST SECRET D Chapman 8-11 ... D Nicholls 11
17 2- LIGHTNING GIRL P Kelleway 8-11 ... Gay Kelleway 5 5
19 SHIELA CROCKATT M W Easterby 8-11 ... M Hindley 12

1983: Sharpish 9-0 G Baxter (4-1) B Hobbs, 11 ran.

5-4 Daring Display, 7-4 Lightning Girl, 10 Triad Treble, 12 Young Knight, 11 Major Music, 20 others.

Brighton results

Going: Good to firm. 2.00 (6f stakes) 1, NAZEEH (W R Swinburn, 8-1); 2, Block Of Granite (L Piggott, 13-8 fav); 3, Kooringa (J Williams, 12-1). Also ran: 6 Pop Picker (5th), 7 Premier Coup, Hatching, 8 Piece Of Art, 12 Country Prince (4th), Sleepline Consort, 33 Maziara (6th), Tender Inch. 11 ran. NR: Bondmasket. 2½l, 1l. A Stewart at Newmarket. Tote £4 10; £2.00, £1.70, £1.30. DF: £6.10. CSF: £22.12.

2.30 (1m 2f Stakes) 1, SOME LUTE (D Brown, 7-1); 2, Lobkowiez (Z Fitzgerald, 15-8 fav); 3, The Sun God (N Adams, 14-1). Also ran 5 Rel Tiger, 7 Stratford Place (4th), 12 Alava, Coffee House, Glittering Gem & Master Carver, 25 Brockley Belle (6th), Sdenka Royal, 33 Cutting Edge, Domey, Homeward, Jack Bilmer Just Joshua, Timsha (5th), Sandy Looks 9 ran Sh hd, ½l D Elsworth at Whitsbury. Tote Win £10.00 Places £4 40, £1 40, £4 80 DF £19.80 CSF £19 48

3.00 (7f Handicap) 1, EASY STAR (A Wess, 12-1); 2, Kassak (B Rouse, 6-1); 3, Minica (T Quinn, 14-1); 4, Sitex (J Matthias, 10-1) Also ran, 4 fav Sky Jump, 11-2 Jamesna, 8 Susan's Sunset, 10 Cheung Sing, 15 Maskell Gold, Mantous (6th), Moses Simpson, 20 North Stoke Boy (5th), Ropaul, Za Avater, 25 Lana Louise, Lady Liza, Mr Caractacus, Cooks Flanagan 18 ran. Hd, 1½l. B Hanbury at Newmarket. Tote £9.30, £2.90, £1 10 £6 30, £2 80 DF £97 70 CSF £83.85 TRICAST £953.52 Bought in 1,800 gns

3.30 (1m handicap): 1, FOOT PATROL (J Matthias, 5-1); 2, Bold Patriach (W Carson, 8-1); 3, Mellow Dance (J Reid, 6-4 fav). Also ran: 6 Doublr Quick Time (6th), 7 Sharp Remark, 12 Kuwait Palace (4th), 14 Rigidski, 16 Bobby Dazzler, 20 House Hunter (5th), 50 Dellwood Iris. 10 ran. ¾l, 4l. J Bethell at Didcot. Tote: £5.30; £2.00, £1.40, £1.60. DF: £12.20. CSF; £42.04. Tricast: £80.85.

4.0 (1m 4f handicap): 1, TAFFY JONES (S Cauthen, 9-2); 2, The Friend (A Murray, 3-1 fav); 3, North Briton (T Ives, 8-1). Also ran: 15-2 Lady Kamina, 8 Inchgower (4th), 10 Cawarra Lad (5th), 12 Solar Light (6th), Star Charter, 14 Profit Warrant, 16 Worth Avenue, Mopsy Lovejoy, 20 Gunner's Belle, 25 Tower Win, 33 My Cherie. 14 ran. NR: Widd. 2l, 2l. M McCormack at Wantage. Tote: £4.80; £1.60, £1.50, £3.00. DF: £10.80. CSF: £18.92. Tricast: £103.15.

4.30 (5f stakes): 1, SHOOT POOL (Pat Eddery, 1-5 fav); 2, Tens Mist (J Reid, 33-1); 3, Disting (G Sexton, 7-1). Also ran: 10 Shamim's Pride (6th), 25 Medellm (5th), 33 Tcoya (4th). 6 ran. 7l, 2½l. G Hunter at East Ilsley. Tote: £1.20; £1.20, £10.40. DF: £16.60. CSF: £8.49.

5.0 6f stakes SHARP SHOT W Carson, 7-4 fav; 2 SHADES OF BLUE N Adams, 6-1; 3 HONOURABLE ADMIRAL J Reid, 12-1;
Also Ran: 5-2 Nicks, 12-1 Forward Match, 20-1 Barnaby Grande, Christmas Ornament (5th) Grey Beard (4th), Sedara Boy, 33 Spice Market, Air Strike (6th). 11 ran. 4l, 1l, J Dunlop at Arundel.
TOTE: £2.00; £1.20, £2.40, £2.20. DF: £3.00. CSF £12.40. Placepot: £50.00.

Cheltenham

GOING: GOOD 2.15 (2m hurdle) 1, DESERT HERO S Hoshino (JAP), (10-1); 2, Don Giovanni J Francome (GB) 8-11 fav; 3, Stray Shot A Wohler A Wohler (W GER) (100-30). Also Ran: 16 Peter Anthony (6th), 25 Fair City (5th) ... Notre Cheval, 66 Wells O'Wearie (P/UP) ... To Play S Jenkins (NZ) (4th). Twice Lucky ... Sunflower Lad. 15l, 5l. F Walwyn at Lambourn.
Tote: £12.80; £2.60, £1.00, £1.20. DF: £7.30. CSF: £15.69.

2.50 (3m hurdle) 1, FITZHERBERT J Francome (GB) (7-4 fav); 2, Fearless Seal G Colleo (ITY), 16-1; 3, Another Deed P Caus (BEL), (10-1). Also Ran: 7 Camino Crystal, 10 Lion Hill (5th), Veleso, 11 Coxmoore Knitwear (P/UP), 14 Something Special (NOR), 20 Eusebio, 33 Nepcote, Menford (6th), Linton (FR) (4th). Off: 2.52. 12 ran. NR: Fame The Spur, Indiana Dora. 1½l, 2l. L G Kennard at Taunton.
Tote: £2.00; Places: £1.40, £4.50, £2.90. DF: £19.90. CSF: £25.17 Tricast: £184.80.

3.25 (2m 4f) 1, GREENWOOD LAD P Caus (BEL), (5-1); 2, Royal Mere S Jenkins (NZ), (7-1); 3, Golden Trix G Colleo (ITY), (12-1). Also Ran: Kathies Lad (FELL), 7-2 Classified (A Wohler (W GER) (4th), 8 King or Country (FELL), 16 Fury Boy (5th), 25 Hadajar (P/UP), 66 Master Blaster (FELL). 9 ran. NR: Knight of Love, Button Boy. 2l, 1½l. J Gifford at Findon.
Tote: £6.60; £1.70, £1.10, £3.60. DF: £17.10. CSF: £33.04.

4.0 (2m 4f hurdle) 1, COMMONTY (P Scudamore, 12-1); 2, Sir Lucky (F Borry (Ire), 8-1); 3, Camp Dunphy (Ricky Hendricks (USA), 12-1). Also ran: 9-2 fav Misty Dale (G Colleo (Ity) 4th), 11-2 Mister Boot, 8 Lewis Estates, 9 Exclusive Fox, 11 Wicklow Star (p/up), 12 Woodland Generator (5th), 25 Proof Writer (6th), See My Style, Princely Lad. 12 ran. NR: Gallant Buck. 4l, 12l. C A Bell at Malton.
Tote: £17.50; £4.00, £1.80, £3.70. DF: £25.80. CSF: £71.26. Tricast: £792.04.

4.40 (3m 2f chase) 1, COMPTON LAD (Mr R Beggan, 4-6 fav); 2, Nostradamus (Mrs V ...kle, 12-1); 3, Master Smudge (Mr C ...Toole, 25-1) Also ran: 17-2 ... Lancer, 50 Game Bid (4th), Troyswood (p/up), 66 Gay Tab, Pennywaste (p/up), Persian Promise. NR: The Wrestler 12l, 6l. 16 ran. M Dickinson at Harewood.
Tote: £1.70; £1.40, £2.60, £4.50. DF: £8.70: CSF £10.01

5.15 (2m Hurdle) 1 BROAD BEAM S Morshead, (7-4 fav); 2 HYPNOTIC K Mooney, (25-1); 3 PUNTERS LAD P Double, (8-1);
Also Ran: 3-1 Everseal (5th), 9-2 Mister Golden, 10 Rodners, 25 Hot Potato, 33 Valerio (6th), Webwood, 100 Cray, My Cullen (4th), Farndalis (P/up). 12 ran, neck, 7l. Mrs M Rimell at Severn Stoke.
TOTE: £3.10; £1.80, £3.70, £1.80. DF: £76.00. CSF: £38.79 TOTE DOUBLE: £8.80. TREBLE: £100.80. JACKPOT: £15,219.32 (to a 50p stake). SINGLE BONUS: £5,606.65 (to a 50p stake). PLACEPOT: £47.65.

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NEWBURY

TRAINERS: M Stoute 15 wins from 70 runners 21.4%; W Hern 33 from 184, 17.9%; J Tree 18 from 126, 14.3%.

JOCKEYS: L Piggott 43 wins from 212 runners, 20.3%; W Carson, 45 from 295, 15.3%; P Eddery 38 from 229, 16.6%.

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TRAINERS: H Cecil wins from 10 runners, 50%; A Jarvis 6 from 37, 16.2%; C Thornton 8 from 51, 15.7%.

JOCKEYS: M Birch 21 wins from 134 runners, 15.7%. E Hide 19 from 108, 17.6%; T Ives 13 from 93, 14.0%.

RUGBY UNION

Union body should be extended NZ says

Wellington (Reuter) – The international rugby board, comprising eight countries, should be expanded to incorporate associate members, the annual meeting of the New Zealand Rugby Union meeting decided yesterday.

One delegate, Vic Hinton, said the London-based IRB's "closed shop" could result in a breakaway world body being formed, unless some action was taken. The board is made up of representatives from New Zealand, Australia, France, England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland and South Africa.

"Other rugby-playing nations are asking for recognition and they are entitled to some form of representation." Hinton said. Ces Blazey, chairman of the New Zealand union, who is also a delegate to the IRB, agreed that the international body's communications with non-member countries needed improving. He will take the New Zealand union's recommendation to the IRB's annual meeting in Paris next March.

Delegates at yesterday's meeting also strongly criticized the board for failing at its meeting in London last month to relax the rule which outlaws international players who profit from books they have written.

Judo hope hits out at tour

Neil Adams, the former world judo champion and Britain's best hope for a judo gold medal at the Los Angeles Olympic Games has spoken out against England's proposed Rugby tour of South Africa.

"I don't believe the England rugby players should go, but there is nothing we can do about it," he said. "The point they are trying to make can affect an awful lot of people. I personally would never compete in South Africa, whatever my personal feelings, because of the implications."

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CYCLING

Plan that worked perfectly

By John Wilcockson

Tony Doyle comfortably retained his leadership of the Sealink International race yesterday after his six-man team followed the instructions of Mick Bennett, their manager, the former Olympic cyclist.

"Our plan was to set a hard pace on the early hills, to put a man in any breakaway and to allow lower placed riders to take the three time bonuses," Bennett explanined. "The plan worked perfectly."

They were aided by a strong westerly wind, which slowed progress on the seven-mile climb of the Snake Pass, and discouraged any early attacks. The only man to break clear was Malcolm Elliott, of the British Pro team, in second place, on the descent of the one-in-five Winnatts Pass. "I didn't really attack," Elliott said "I just didn't use my brakes."

The young Sheffield professional's attack momentarily split the bunch, but the field had reformed after they had crossed the Snake and Woodhead Passes.



Lambert: stage winner

After they left the Peak District with steep descents towards the silent coalfields of South Yorkshire, Gary Thomson, from Dublin attacked. He was joined by Eddy Schurer, of the Netherlands, and professionals, Phil Bayton and Keith Lambert, colleagues of Doyle and Elliott. When Vagn Scharling, of Denmark and Wieslaw Stopa, of Poland, joined them, the winning move was complete.

None of the breakaways was a danger to Doyle, except, perhaps, for Thomson who was lying 13th overnight, four min, five sec behind.

On reaching the flatter roads after Pontefract, with 30 miles left to race, the lead had climbed to a maximin of 4 min 33 sec, putting Thomson temporarily into the lead.

Doyle's team immediately put on the pressure through John Herety, Steve Jones and Shane Sutton. They found useful allies in the England amateur team, who believe that Jeff Williams in fourth place has a chance of overall victory.

By the finish, alongside Doncaster racecourse, Bayton made sure that the breakaway was still 25 sec clear of the bunch, while Lambert used his 12 years' experience as a professional to win the sage honours.

This seventh Sealink race has developed into a fascinating tactical struggle between the top two British professional teams, who have provided ideal opposition for the two teams of British Olympic hopefuls.

With another 100 hilly miles to Alton Towers today, and a final stage through the Peak District to the finish in Sheffield on Saturday, there is little chance of anyone challenging either Doyle or Elliott.

RESULTS: Fourth stage: (Buxton to Doncaster, 106 miles): 1, K Lambert (British Pros) 4hrs 12min 50sec; 2, E Schurer (Neth); 3, P Bayton; V Scharling; 4, W Stopa (Pol); 5, P Bayton (Team PCA); 6, T G Thomson (Ire) – all same time; 7, I Banbury (England Pros) 4-13.15; 8, J McLoughlin (England Amateurs) 4-13.15. Stage teams: 1, British Pros 42hrs 38mins 0.5sec; 2, T Netherlands 12:38:10; 3, Denmark 12:30:15.

OVERALL POSITIONS: 1, A Doyle (Team PCA) 13-49.02; 2, M Elliott (British Pros) 13-49.22; 3, D Hayton (Team PCA) 13-49.52; 4, J Williams (Eng) 13-50.25; 5, McLoughlin, 13-51.02; 6, J Jakobs (Neth) 13-51.22; 7, D Webster (GB) 13-51.27 51.23; 8, R Downs (British Pros) 13-51.... Overall teams: 1, British Pros 41hrs 51min 56sec; 2, England 41:33:14; 3, GB 41:35:45.

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FOOTBALL: MANCHESTER UNITED HAVE HARDEST TASK IN SECOND LEGS OF EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITIONS

British sides are ready to scale new peaks

By Stuart Jones Football Correspondent

Britain's six mountaineers now stand poised within reach of Europe's three summits. Within a fortnight Liverpool, Dundee United, Aberdeen Tottenham Hotspur and Nottingham Forest should be able to pause for breath and admire the view from their respective peaks. To do so, the five must merely keep their heads, their nerves and their composure amid the rarefied atmospher.

Manchester United, forced to carry an almost unbearable heavy load of misfortune on Wednesday night, could yet struggle on to join them and complete the most remarkable sequence in the history of the Continental competition. The month of May, which included the last British Championship tie between England and Scotland, promises to be rich with celebration.

Yet why, when each of the national representatives continue to fall, do the domestic clubs continue to rise? A clue to the elusive answer could be found buried in the turf of Old Trafford. That is where the glittering fame of Juventus was to be found, trampled under foot, by the end of the first leg of their Cup Winners' Cup semi-final.

United had no right to expect anything other than defeat. Their own designs lay in such tatters that Ron Atkinson deliberated long and hard before sending out a formation that he might have preferred to take for a testimonial match. Needing to use home advantage and attack, the midfield looked more like a second line of defence.

Since two of them, Gidman and McGrath, could claim only one senior appearance between them since October, Atkinson was playing poker with barely a glance at all of the cards in his hand. The only numbing certainly was that he could not use any of his three aces, Robson, Wilkins or Muhren. With Churchillian echoes, he asked his motley collected for "blood, sweat and tears, to go out there and blow the trumpet". After early uncertainty – more than understandable under the circumstances – they responded with such vigour that even the walls of Jericho, let alone those of the Italian League leaders, might have been seen to shake.

Even though Gidman was only on for some seven minutes, he epitomized the spirit of his colleagues. He chased every hopeless cause and stretched each of his rusty limbs until his right hamstring gave way. The courage of his replacement. Davies, who had not played in the first team since breaking an ankle last August, was even more admirable.

With the likes of Gentile, Scirea, Cabrini, Tardelli, Platini, Boniek and Rossi (even the sound of their names in enough to send shivers down the spine) in their line up, ability and technique all lay clearly in favour of Juventus. Yet, in the face of irrepressible determination, they withered and were fortunate to escape defeat.

The Italians created two opportunities, both of which fell to Rossi. The first was deflected in off Hogg's boot and the second veered away off Bailey's hand. United should have scored three and could have had even more. If nothing else, they proved that a collective heart bursting with passion can overcome the beaviest of odds.

It is worth remembering that England met France with a similarly unlikely midfield in March. The difference then was that Williams, Robson, Hoddle and Lee were individuals with at least one eye on their own futures. The spirit may have been enclosed within those four white shirts but it was inhibited by the fear of personal failure.

Lee, whose display for his country against Northern Ireland at Wembley was disappointingly meagre, at least made his mark for his club on Wednesday night. By some inches the smallest player on view, he scored the only goal of Liverpool's European Cup semi-final against Dynamo Bucharest at Anfied with one of his rare headers.

The tactics of the Romanians were typically rugged, but, in spite of their narrow defeat, they have reason to fear the return against the English champions. During this season's competition, Liverpool have reserved all of their most impressive performances, especially against Athletic Bilbao in the second round, and against Benfica in the quarter-final, for the away leg.

'Return cap' plea

Paul Walsh, the Luton forward, who is £1,000 out of pocket after thieves broke into his car, has appealed for the return of his most precious possession – the England cap he won in Australia last year.



Five for the high jump: From the left: Hogg, McGrath, Brio, Moran and Cabrini

McMenemy is not Tottenham's man

By Clive White

Contrary to their new racy image and popular opinion – even within the club – Tottenham Hotspur will not be appointing a flamboyant type as their new manager. Lawrie McMeneny, who, with the end of his contract looming, appeared to have thrown his impressive hat into the ring, is, I understand, not their man.

It will be hugely disappointing to McMenemy, who takes his Southampton side into an FA Cup semi-final tomorrow. Three years ago, much to the admiration of many, he turned down the manager's position at Old Trafford, partly because of the enormous demands there for success and also perhaps because a more rewarding job, like that with England, was just around the corner. In the event, he was not interviewed for that one and it went to Bobby Robson. With the possible exception of Arsenal, Tottenham are the last of the big spenders currently looking for a manger. Clubs do not come much more prestigious than Tottenham.

Tottenham's standing and wealth (their turnover is now about £5 million a year) have attracted Alex Ferguson, of Aberdeen, as a leading contender. He has always indicated that he would only go south for one of the big jobs and though he has just signed a five year contract a club like Tottenham would find the necessary compensation a small obstacle. Ferguson's mini major in midfield, Strachan, has already been linked with Tottenham and should Aberdeen retain the Cup-Winners' Cup they would make an irresistible pair.

The apparent change of mood at White Hart Lane would appear to have put Terry Venables, the young Queen's Park Rangers manager, and one-time favourite, out of the running. And the honest David Pleat, of Luton Town, despite impeccable credentials, would seem to fall into the same category as Keith Burkinshaw, the present unwanted incumbent. The new manager would have to put up with less than full control unless he is a stronger character and a better negotiator than Burkinshaw.

While others immerse themselves in the power game, the Tottenham players are quietly getting on with their football. As Pera Nadoveza, the Hadjuk Split manager, said "In the end it's the players who settle a club's fortunes." Tottenham are doing nicely in that direction, determined to give Burkinshaw the UEFA Cup, metaphorically, as a farewell present.

Forest face the risk of sterner action

By Peter Ball

It would be tragic – a word not to be used lightly in sport – if one of Nottingham Forest's finest performances in Europe should be undone by the actions of one idiot. The so-called fan who threw a beer bottle at Erwin Vandenbergh half an hour into Wednesday evening's game cast a shadow on what should have been a morning of quiet satisfaction yesterday.

Mr Burmmeier, the referee, and Dr Bonnici, the UEFA delegate, left the ground without commenting, but it is certain that both will report the incident to UEFA – Mr Brummeier handed the bottle to Brian Clough himself – and the repercussions could be serious, specially in view of the prevailing mood of disgust among European administrators at British supporters' antics.

Forest, albeit harshly have been fined this season and now they may face the possibility of sterner action. With the final beconing, that is a worrying prospect.

That, of course, is assuming that Forest's two-goal margin of victory will see them safely through the second leg. It is a dangerous assumption, as Clough was at pains to point out. "There is still a long way to go", he said. "Anderlecht scored four at home in the last round, so there is no reason why they cannot do that again".

The point is well taken. Anderlecht showed enough flashes of quality to convince everyone that they cannot be written off. Vandenbergh and Czerniatynski were dangerous enough on the few occasions that they received worthwhile support to indicate their abilities. Scifo, the 18-year-old midfield player, demonstrated what all the fuss was about, particularly with one dipping, swerving 30-yard volley.

But as Paul Van Himst, their coach, confessed: "Those two late goals have made it very hard for us. We must go crazy in Brussels". With Forest's defensive record, the basis of all their previous European successes (this season they are without an away defeat on the Continent), it is difficult to see them falling at the final hurdle.

If Hart and Fairclough can play as imposingly as they did in midweek, Forest will be halfway there. For as Bowyer, who scored the winner on possibly their finest ever away performance in Cologne, remarked: "Before the game I'd have settled for 1-0, but to take two goals to Brussels in fantastic". Hodge's two headers in the last few minutes have given his team one foot in the final.

McLean sees glory in Rome

By Hugh Taylor

The elixir of fire and flair that enabled Dundee United to humble Roma on Wednesday invigorated Jim McLean, their manager, so headily yesterday that he cast aside his everyday cloak of pessimism to announce that he was confident of success in the second leg of the European Cup semi-final in Italy.

"I am convinced now that we will give the Italians a run for their money and perhaps even score over there", he said, in a rare burst of optimism.

He was so delighted with the display in the first leg which gave the Scots a 2-0 victory over their *illustrious opponents* that he congratulated his players in the Tannadice dressing room. "I think three of them fainted," he added.

If McLean was at last proud of his team, he could also be delighted with his tactics, which were to harry Roma right from the start. The result, especially in the second half, was a breathtaking display of team football and the only disappointment was the fact that United failed to score at least two more goals.

They had the chances and, while it may sound carping, there must be a worry about United's weak finishing. Nevertheless the club

McLean: got tactics right

which not so long ago were considered country cousins even in the hardly sophisticated football purlieus of Scotland, are poised to reach the final of the premier European tournament.

While they face a formidable task in the second leg in the football cauldron of Rome, the United players revealed on Wednesday evening not only brisk, modern skilful play but showed a strength of character and resilience which allowed them to refrain from the usual fiery Scottish retaliation in face of mean and spiteful fouling by the rattled Italians.

They will have to be even more restrained in Rome where their opponents will be strenghened by the return of Falcao, their celebrated Brazilian. Nils Liedholm, the disappointed Roma coach, who admitted his midfield master was sorely missed said: "We will be a different team at home and to be honest we are not all that disturbed. Certainly we will not allow United's tactics to upset us as they did in Dundee."

Although Aberdeen lost 1-0 to Porto in Portugal in the first leg of the Cup Winners' Cup semi-final and gave what was for them a lacklustre performance, Alex Ferguson, their manager, was confident the trophy-holders would reach the final.

"We have accomplished the hardest part," he said. "And of course we will play much better at home, and Porto, good team as they are, will not enjoy the prospect of defending a single goal at Pittodrie."

Aberdeen's task will be much easier than that of Dundee United, but hope is high in Scotland that both the representatives will reach the *finals* of the leading European tournaments.

Rostron fitness doubt for Cup semi-final

Wilf Rostron, Watford's captain, who has missed the last two matches with a knee injury, is undergoing intensive treatment in an attempt to be fit to lead his side in tomorow's FA Cup semi-final against Plymouth Argyle.

If Rostron fails to recover, Neil Price, who recently spent a month on loan to Plymouth, will deputize. John Barns, the England winger, is likely to be restored to an all-out attacking role.

Plymouth also have a problem in defence, with the full back, John Uzzell, hoping to recover from a groin strain which forced him to miss the midweek defeat by Wimbledon.

Steve Williams, Southampton's captian is doubtful for the meeting with Everton in the other semi-final at Highbury, while the Merseysiders' manager, Howard Kedall, has decided to play the winger, Terry Curran, to supplement his forwards.

In the League, Manchester United visit Notts County and may again be light in midfield, with the England captain Bryan Robson, likely to miss the game with hamstring trouble.

Telford hoping to meet their French match

By Paul Newman

Telford United, who knocked out three Canon League clubs before losing to Derby County in the fourth round of the FA Cup earlier this season, are hoping to play two matches against Castets-en-Dorthe, an amateur side from the Bordeaux area, who have been performing similar feats in the French Cup.

Both clubs are keen to play the matches, and sponsors are now being sought to help meet travel costs. Telford hope to travel to Castets next month as a return match is planned for the start of next season. The idea of bringing the clubs together came from Yves Gonnet, a Frenchman who lives in London and an enthusiastic follower of non-league football in Britain.

Castets had to play in eight rounds of the French cup before they reached the last 32, in which they lost to Metz, a first division club. Although Castets did not beat any leading clubs, their run was the most remarkable in the French Cup for many years;

Telford have the best record in recent years in the FA Cup of any non-league club. They knocked out Stockport County, Northampton Town and Rochdale, this season and in the last two years have lost only two out of nine matches against League opponents.

● Steve Coles has resigned as manager of Yeovil Town. Maurice O'Donnell, the Alliance Premier league club's trainer, takes over until the end of the season.

● The deadline for applications to join the Alliance Premier League has passed without any Isthmian league club applying for membership. Only two Alliance clubs will now be relegated at the end of the season.

The Southern league and Northern Premier league will each provide one promoted culb: Barrow and Matlock Town have applied from the Northern Premier.

● John Martin, of Alton, Hampshire, will referee the FA Trophy final at Wembley on May 12.

Tom Bune, from Billinghurst, Sussex, will take charge of the FA Vase final, between Stamford and Stansted, at Wembley on April 28.

BOXING

Cable failure could give Wilshire another chance

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

After Jimmy Cable's exciting win barely two months ago over Mickey Duff's boxer, Mick Wilshire for the British light-middleweight title, Doug Bidwell, Cable's manager could have been forgiven for thinking that his fighter was ready for bigger things.

Taking on Buster Drayton, Marvin Hagler's top sparring partner, must have seemed to Bidwell a small concession to make to the Albert Hall promoter, Mike Barrett and Mickey Duff. After all, Drayton at No 19 in the world, was just one place ahead of Cable and victory over the Philadelphian could have gained the Orpington boxer recognition outside the Borough of Chislehurst overnight. And top billing too.

Things went terribly wrong, however, on Wednesday night when Drayton knocked Cable out in 85 seconds with just two punches. The explanations poured out yesterday. "Cable was caught cold", "It was a sucker punch". "Cable is a slow starter". Drayton is nothing but a wild swinger", and so on. None of which did anything for Cable's sore head and pride. Besides, if other boxers are anything to go by, he may not be the same fighter again.

But the Bidwell camp could be the victims of a horrible irony. The man Cable beat out of sight and out of mind for the British light-middleweight titlee, Nick Wilshire, could finish up on top in the not too distant future. Duff hopes to bring Drayton back for Wilshire and if the Bristol man wins he could move into the world ranking above Cable.

Let us hope that that bout lives more up to expectations than the fight on Wednesday night, though I cannot see Wilshire beating Drayton. The American has all the mannerisms of Hagler, thinking well ahead as he boxes with that typical Hagler trick of correcting and cancelling out false moves

Those who say Noel Quarless on the same bill against Mark Lee, of Carson City, Nevada, can be forgiven for thinking that the Liverpool heavyweight was trying to beat the world record for running 400 metres backwards.

What a job Lee had trying to pass him. Whenever he did the Nevadan landed some hard clouts and in the end Quarless was left with a closed right eye and on Lee there was not a mark. Quarless will be boxing again at Wembley on May 13 and his opponent that night will be, yes, Mark Lee.

Curtis misses out

Paul Curtis, the Charlton defender, has broken his nose in a reserve match and will be out for two weeks.

MOTOR RACING

Grand prix ban on cooled fuel

Zolder, Belgium (Reuter) – The International Motor Sport Federation (FISA) had banned the use of super-cooled fuel in Formula One racing.

The ban, which will apply from the next round of the world championships – the Belgian Grand Prix at Zolder, on April 29 – is meant to prevent teams exceeding Fisa's new fuel limit, which has cut tank capacity from 250 to 220 litres this season.

Cooling petrol reduces its volume, so that as much as three or four litres more than the prescribed amount can be forced into tanks. One possible reason for the ruling is to end the risk of full tanks splitting when cold fuel warms up and expands during a delayed start.

OLYMPIC GAMES

City planning stops in costs protest

From Robin Gregg Los Angeles

The city of Long Beach, where volleyball, fencing, archery and yachting are scheduled as part of the Olympic Games this summer, has suspended preparations for these in an effort to force Olympic sponsors to end a stalemate over how much money should be spent on security

City police officials have withdrawn from several Olympic planning groups. Long Beach will not issue permits for any Olympic construction until the issue, which has been under negotiation since last autumn, is settled to its satisfaction.

Officials are not satisfied with the $275,000 that the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee have offered to reimburse Long Beach for law enforcement costs. The figure, they say, should be more like $1m.

● EAST BERLIN (AFP) – East Germany may boycott the Los Angeles Olympics if they do not get satisfaction from the US organizing committee on several important points. One is that the US must "respect the Olympic charter" and ensure the protection of athletes" against provocation and political demonstrations."

● MOSCOW: Valery Borzov, a former double Olympic champion sprinter, said in an interview with *Komsomolskaya Pravda* that the Los Angeles Games organizers had created discomfort and obstacles for participants instead of providing a "proper psychological climate" (Richard Owen writes). He said US intelligence services were preparing "provocative intrigues" against Soviet sportsmen and complained of harassment during the 1976 Montreal Games.

● TUNIS (AFP): Mario Vasquez Rana, president of the Association of National Olympic Committees, said here that the English Rugby Union tour of South Africa would endanger the Olympic movement.

SCHOOLS RUGBY

The pedigreed school of stamina and skill

By Michael Stevenson

West Park School, travel-weary but truimphant, today meet Sale County Grammer School in the final of the Manchester Schools' Cup, having recently claimed about every other distinction available.

It Sale lose, West Park will have ended a demanding season unbeaten in over 30 matches. The event which brought them the greatest publicity, of course, was their victory in the Roehampton sevens at Rosslyn Park, aftr which they won the all-England schools' 15-a-side festival at Preston for the second time in three years.

Their itinerary for the past month pays tribute to their stamina as clearly as their results testify to their skill. On March they won the Mount St Mary's sevens and in the three weeks after that they won the Hipperholme GS sevens, the Roehampton sevens, the Ilkley sevens and the Preston festival. Visits to tournaments at Oxford, Hereford and Fylde were not so successful.

To southern eyes it may seem odd that St Helens could produce two schools of such impeccable rugby pedigrees as Cowley and West Park. But it is an area in which rugby football approaches a religion substitute: and it is to West Park's creidt that they have emerged so unequivocally from beneath Cowley's shadow.

A match between the two schools has been known to command a crowd of around 5,000, though this year Cowley's highly promising but young team found it a depressingly one-sided affair.

It is not to underestimate a formidable corporate effort to suggest that two young men have contributed crucially to West Park's success. Those who saw Kevin Simms play in this year's University match, or who have watched him develop from a talented but frail youngster to a player of near-international calibre, will realize that his success has also been West Park's success.

The other key figure, West Park's coach, Mike Murphy, has no doubts on the subject: "Kevin has done more for West Park in a year than I could do in 10." I think he is underselling himself. During Murphy's four years in charge of the first team they have lost 12 games and the transport verve and enthusiasm for the game evinced by his team must be the best tribute that any coach could ask for.

Murphy is an old boy of the school, who played recently for Waterloo but always tended to put coaching first. His philosophy is simple and admirable: "I believe in handling rugby and I long for the lads to enjoy it."

ICE SKATING

Torvill and Dean on Soviet tour

Sydney (Reuter) – Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean, Britain's World, Olympic and European ice dance champions, will make their professional debut in Australia next month.

The couple, who ended their amateur career in Ottawa last month by winning a fourth successive world title, have accepted an invitation to be special guests of a Soviet team on a tour of Australia, according to Michael Edgley, the tour promoter.

The Soviet team will include medallists from the winter Olympics in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, Edgley said. Torvill and Dean will appear in Melbourne and Sydney in mid-May.

Edgley added that the tour was costing more than $1m, but he did not say how much Torvill and Dean were being paid.

IN BRIEF

Featherstone to appeal against fine

Featherstone Rovers are to appeal against the £100 fine imposed by the Rugby League management committee for "poor communication" over the cancellation of their home game against Fulham on March 30.

Featherstone are also asking the League for a ruling on a new date for the fixture. Rovers want to play the match on Easter Sunday but Fulham have refused.

SPEEDWAY: Ivan Mauger; six times world champion, is to make a British League comeback tonight for his old club, Exeter Falcons, against Ipswich.

RUGBY UNION: Mark Williams, Wasps' England Under-23 three quarter, is to play in America this summer. Williams will team up with Willie Jefferson, the Californian who has been playing for Harlequins, in Aspen, Colorado.

YACHTING: John Bertrand received France's top sports distinction in Paris on Wednesday to mark his historic achievement in winning the America's Cup for Australia. The skipper of Australia II received the French Sports Academy's Grand Prix from Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee.

BOXING: Antoine Montero, the French European flyweight champion, will meet the World Boxing Council's title holder Gabriel Bernal of Mexico, it was announced in Paris yesterday. The fight is planned for the open-air Roman arena at Nimes in Southern France on June 1.

GYMNASTICS: Pettina Schieffer-decker, a 16-year-old student from Leipzig, comes into the East German team for the Daily Mirror Champions All event at Wembley tomorrow.

OLYMPIC GAMES: South Korea yesterday proposed that their suspended talks with North Korea aimed at forming unified teams for international sports events, be resumed next Wednesday.

Car Buyer's Guide

Motoring by Clifford Webb

Great lead debate set to continue



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Both top drawer, but very different cars . . .

The controversial question of unleaded petrol is coming to the boil again. The EEC is about to publish its overdue report on the consequences for the motor industry, the oil industry and you *and me*.

The next move should be a proposal from the commission setting a target date for the elimination of lead. But putting it into effect is another matter.

If its past record is any guide we shall be well into the 1990s before member countries can be persuaded to take concerted action. In June, 1983 the Council of Environment Ministers de*cided in principle to stop the use* of unleaded petrol. It asked the commission to submit proposals by Sunday.

It is already obvious that this will not happen and, if the stories of bitter in-fighting on the working group which prepared the report are true, it is hopelessly bogged down. Against this background the Consumers Association is pressing the EEC to settle for a compromise approach which would enable individual countries to intoduce inleaded petrol unilaterally, as West Germany plans to do with effect from January 1, 1986.

West Germany already has the lowest lead content in Europe with 0.15 grammes per litre compared with Britain's 0.4. However, along with the Netherlands, Britain is pledged to reduce to 0.15 by 1986.

On the face of it unilateral action makes sense. In fact, there are many flaws in this approach. For example, any country introducing lead-free petrol ahead of the rest will impose a heavy cost burden on its domestic car makers.

VW cars on sale in Britain already meet the 0.15 limit and, because it is a major exporter to the US, it is already vastly experienced in building cars to cope with 100 per cent lead-free petrol and would be at an obvious disadvantage.

Stop-start device

Three years ago VW introduced a fuel-saving device *which enabled the driver to stop* his engine by pressing a button. It started again automatically when he engaged gear.

The aim was to make worthwhile fuel savings in stop-start city traffic.

It appeared here on some versions of the VW Passat and the Audi 80 but was not well received because by the time the driver had decided to stop his engine he was on the move again.

Now VW enginees have come up with a much better system. It went on sale in Britain this week on two high-economy versions of VW's *super mini, the Polo C* Formel E, priced £4,437, and the Polo Classic CL Formel E at £4,744. Both have the latest 1.3 engine.

This time, both the stopping and starting are done automatically. Two seconds afer the gear lever is put into neutral the engine stops. As before, it restarts when a gear is engaged. VW is not the first with such a system. Fiat offers a similar approach on the new Regatta, which went on sale here some two weeks ago. The fuel savings are said to be up to 15 *per* cent in heavy traffic but I want to see what happens when the cars and their batteries are two or three years old before making up my mind about their long-term effectiveness.

Thank heavens Fiat and VW have left the final choice to the driver. He can engage or disengage stop-start at the flick of a switch.

Jaguars versus BMW

Jaguar's Sovereign HE and BMW's 735i are contenders for the plush executive express business. Both personify luxury travel at its best and cost around £20,000. But there the similatity ends, for these are two very different cars.

All Jaguars have been given a new lease of life in the past two years with such a leap in quality and reliability that many former Jaguar owners have been per*suaded to return to the fold.*

They were always one of the finest riding cars in the world, able to whisk occupants long distances at high speeds in great *comfort and quietness.*

The Sovereign, with its magnificent 5.3 litre, 12 cylinder engine, does it with such little effort that speeds of well over 100 mph – on the autobahn, of course – seems like half that speed in lesser cars.

The BMW's 3.5 litre power unit is no less an autobahn "burner" but it loses in the ride. In any case its typically firm German seats are a very different approach from the Jaguar driver's traditional "sitting in" rather than "sitting on" position.

This *armchair environment is* enhanced by the big transmission tunnel alongside the driver providing an arm rest on the left to match the one on the door to his right.

Driving positions are very much a personal choice and mine favours the BMW. There is another spin off for the BMW. Its position enables the hand brake *to be placed conveniently* alongside the driver while the Jaguar's is tucked under the scuttle and not east to reach when belted up.

I also find it hard to live with Jaguar's thirst. Driven with a regard for economy on a long motorway run my average consumption was 17.9mpg. This quickly fell to 16mpg when I added only 50 miles of commuting.

The BMW was much more frugal for such a big car. It averaged 25.6mpg despite being driven with much more verve than Jaguar. I wonder how many 12-cylinder owners find themselves treating the accelerator pedal like a thin shelled egg because they are holding back sub-consciously to save petrol?

The difference, of course, is not so much the Jaguar's bigger engine at its outdated transmission. The GM unit used is one of the best of its generation but it has been causing anxious looks at petrol gauges in GM's own cars for some time now and, in particular, in the otherwise excellent Opel Senator.

The newer, *four-speed* BMW *unit features a mechanical clutch* which by-passes the torque converter in fourth gear, preventing fuel wasting slippage by that notoriously inefficient device.

The basic Jaguar XJ body is now 16 years old but is still, in many people's eyes, a classic shape. But is that any reason for equipping it with elderly, long-stalked, awkward-to-operate electrical mirrors?

Jaguar say that the XJ 40, the new light weight replacement, is being held back because existing models are selling so well at home and overseas. It wants to put the delay to good use by making sure that the new car is right first time.

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BIRTHS

BRETTON on April 8th to Jane (née Lalonde) and Charles a son (Oliver Henry) a brother for James and Kate.

BROWN – On 31st March at University College Hospital to Penelope (nee Darby) & Charles, a son.

CHICK on April 10th to Margarita and John, a daughter (Isabel Catherine).

COHEN. – On April 10th 1984 to Caroline (nee Misroch) and Robert of Hammersmith London - a son, their first born.

EVANS – on April 6th to Anne (nee Rivlin) and Nick – a son, William, a brother for Robert.

FISHER – on 9th April at Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, Hammersmith to Monica (née Pringle-Mill) and Adrian a boy (Andrew Harold Louis).

GREEN. – On April 4, at Whipps Cross to Julie (née Pollock) & Colin, a daughter, Jessica Louise.

LORIMER – April 10th to Caroline (née Pringle) and Patrick, a daughter, Cressida Flora Kate.

NASMYTH. On April 8th 1984 to Anna (nee Dowson) and Kim a daughter.

NUNN – On 10th April, to Ruth (nee Duck) & Ian – another daughter (Lucy Anne), a sister for Tanya & Kirsty.

SELBY on 8th April 1984 to Marrianne and Brian a son Carl William.

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TOWILL. On April 11th in the John Radcliffe Oxford to Suzi and David a son.

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MARRIAGES

BOARDMAN-SCOT. On Sunday, April 8th, at St Peter & St Paul's Church, Godalming, Nicola Margaret, second daughter of Mr & Mrs Terry Scott of Greenacre, Witley, to David John, elder son of Mr & Mrs Ronald Boardman of Dovetails, Oxshot.

DEATHS

COX – On April 9 peacefully at Watford, William Cox, CBE, aged 90 years, husband of the late Mary Cox. Funeral at Hendon Crematorium at 2.30pm on Tuesday April 17. Enquiries to John Nodes, 52 The Broadway, Mill Hill, NW7

CREW, HILDA, of 81 Pasture Rd, North Wembley, suddenly on April 10 while on holiday in Devon. Flowers to G Saville & Son Ltd, 569 High Rd, Wembley, or donations to Motor Neurone Disease Association, 25 Rickfords Hill, Aylesbury.

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FITTS. – On 9th of April, 1984, Frances Kira, deeply loved wife of William Scott Fitts, mother of Eliza and of Olivia (who died) daughter of Tania and the late Francis (Jack) Dillon of 17, Orchard Place, Arundel, West Sussex.

HORA – On 10th April 1984, F. Bayard aged 78 years, of Eastern Avenue, Reading. Beloved husband of Carol for 44 years and dearest father of Susan, Timothy, Rex and Max. Cremation strictly private, family only.

JEWELL-THOMAS on Wednesday April 11th, 1984 at Kingsmead Horsham, W Sussex. Rutter aged 87, eldest son of the late William Arthur and Helen Jewell. Thomas of Mold Clwyd. Husband of Barbara and father of Stephen. Please no flowers and funeral private.

LINDO. – On April 12, 1984 at Lake Cottage, Monica beloved wife of Cecil. Private cremation service by request.

LORD – On April 11th. Peacefully at home in her 91st year, Margaret wife of the late Lt Col J. A. Lord and much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral at Sainbury Church at 3.00 pm Tuesday, April 17th. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Sainbury Church c/o Old School House, Sainbury, Broadway.

McNIE on April 8th 1984, suddenly after a long illness Gregor beloved husband of Maggie (Margaret Anne) and father of Gregor and Arabella. Funeral service at St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford on Tuesday 17th April at 11 a.m. Followed by cremation at Parndon Wood Crematorium, Harlow. Cut flowers only please, to Daniel Robinson's & Sons, Bishop's Stortford. Tel. 0279 55477.

MURPHY. On April 11th peacefully at Glenore Nursing Home, Cookham, Berkshire, Gladys Mary, aged 93 years (affectionately known as "Girl" or "Glad eyes"), widow of the late Leonard Murphy of Dublin, adoring mother of the late Joan Hamilton, greatly loved mother-in-law of Billy and grandmother of Guy Hamilton and devoted to by a large Murphy family. A thanksgiving service will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Cookham, on Saturday, 14th April, at 11.30 am, followed by a private cremation. Cut flowers, etc. to Sawyer Funeral Services, 32 West Street, Marlow, Bucks.

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6.30 Breakfast Time with Selina Scott and Mike Smith. News from Debbie Rix at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hour; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; television preview at 6.55; the morning newspapers reviewed at 7.18 and 8.18; gardening hints between 7.30 and 7.45; pop music news between 7.45 and 8.00; horoscopes at 8.33; food and cooking tips between 8.30 and 9.00.

9.00 Food and Drink discovers the delights of the black truffle (shown yesterday), 9.30 Ceefax. 10.30 Play School, presented by Shireen Shah (r). 10.55 Ceefax.

12.30 News After Noon with Philip Hayton and Frances Coverdale, includes live coverage, at approximately 1.07, of the landing of the space shuttle. 1.15 Pebble Mill at One includes news of the herb garden from Lesley Bremness. 1.45 Heads and Tails (r). 2.00 Cartoons: Droopy Double Bill.

2.15 Racing from Newbury. Live coverage of three races – the Spring Maiden Stakes (2.30); the Gainsborough Stud Fred Darling Stakes (3.00); and the UDT Stakes (3.30). Introduced by Julian Wilson with commentary by Peter O'Sullevan, Jimmy Lindley and John Hanmer.

3.45 Barney Bear. 3.53 Regional news (not London). 3.55 Play School, presented by Stuart McGugan. 4.20 The New Shmoo. Cartoon.

4.40 Playhouse: The Princess and the Inventor, by Roy Russell. Starring Anna Cropper and Derek Francis. A princess falls in love with one of the contestants in a Royal Inventor competition (r). 5.10 Captain Zep – Space Detective. The final case for Zep and he has to find the reason why 117 travellers died in space.

5.40 Sixty Minutes includes news from Jan Leeming at 5.40; weather at 5.54; regional magazines at 5.55; and news headlines at 6.38.

6.40 The Pink Panther Show. Three cartoons featuring the indestructible big cat (r).

7.00 Odd One Out. Quiz show presented by Paul Daniels. Last week's winner is faced by a challenge from five more hopefuls.

7.30 Fame. Singing, dancing, love and intrigue at the High School for the Performing Arts. This week Dwight, who already feels a misfit, refuses to take off his shirt.

8.20 The Time of Your Life. Noel Edmonds re-creates a month in the 1950s when Johnnie Ray and Shani Wallis topped the bill on Sunday Night at the Palladium.

9.00 News with John Humphrys.

9.25 Starsky and Hutch. The two detectives are accused of taking a million dollars worth of cocaine, the haul from a drugs raid (r).

10.15 Potter. Another misadventure for the retired businessman-turned busybody, Redvers Potter.

10.45 News. Headlines and Weather.

10.50 Film: Minnie and Moskowitz (1971) starring Gena Rowlands and Seymour Cassel. The story of the off-beat romance between two misfits. Directed by John Cassavetes. Ends at 12.45.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. News from Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.35 and 7.35; good buys at 6.40 and 9.05; fishing tips at 6.45; the day's anniversaries at 7.05 and 8.05; exercises at 6.55 and 9.15; a guest in the Spotlight at 7.20; Chris Tarrant's post bag at 7.50; Suzie Quatro's Star Turn at 8.10; Jimmy Greaves's television highlights at 8.15

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9.25 Thames news headlines followed by Sesame Street. 10.25 The Little Rascals* in Fishy Tales. 10.35 Bracken. Pat's marriage seems to have solved many problems. 11.35 Sport Billy. (r).

12.00 Alfie Atkins is in trouble with his father. 12.10 Rainbow Learning with puppets (Oracle titles page 170). 12.30 On the Market. Magazine programme about eating habits.

1.00 News. 1.20 Thames news. 1.30 About Britain with veteran artist, Edward Bawden, in Saffron Walden, Essex. 2.00 Judi Chat show hostess Judi Spiers has as her guests Kenneth Williams, Nina Myskow and Van Buren. 2.30 Falcon Crest. Julia goes to prison but Angie tries to get the sentence commuted. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. Careless words threaten relationships in the Palmer household.

4.00 Rainbow. A repeat of the programme shown at 12.10 4.20 Aubrey. Comic adventures of an eccentric inventor (r). 4.25 Emu's World. Rod Hull tries, once again, to control his erratic pet. 4.50 The Fantastic Adventures of Mr Rossi. 5.15 The Young Doctors. Dr Shaw has some trouble from the lady known as "Bubbles".

5.45 News 6.00 The 6 O'Clock Show, presented by Michael Aspel, takes a look at the lighter side of London life.

7.00 The Zodiac Game. Contestants and celebrities, Frank Carson, Derek Griffiths, Rose Marie and Sheila Staefel, in a fast moving contest of predictions. Tom O'Connor is the host.

7.30 Hardcastle and McCormick. The retired judge is left a thoroughbred racehorse in the will of an ex-convict. But his dreams of racing glory are threatened by a property owner with a cash-flow problem who is out to fix a race.

8.30 Film: Sky Riders (1975) starring James Coburn, Susannah York and Robert Culp. Adventure story about the kidnapped wife of a rich American businessman who is hidden away with her two children on a mountain-top monastery in Greece. Directed by Douglas Hickox (Oracle titles page 170).

10.00 News.

10.30 The Skag Kids. A disturbing London Programme documentary about the growth of heroin addiction in Southwark. The interviews with local young people and their parents paints a picture of a community under siege.

11.30 Bosom Buddies. American comedy series about a man dresses in drag.

12.00 South of Watford. Ben Elton casts a jaundiced eye over Londoners' life-style and entertainment.

12.30 Bizarre. Unusual comedy series starring John Byner.

1.00 Dragnet*. Joe Friday, the Los Angeles policeman, solves another vintage crime (r) followed by Night Thoughts from Norman St John-Stevas.



Valli Subbiah: The World About Us (BBC 2, 7.45 pm)

CHOICE

●Boom and slump; slump and boom; boom and slump. The rhythm of alternating prosperity and recession beats like an amplified pulse through *The Shipbuilders* (BBC 2, 9.25 pm) which launches BBC Television's eleven-part documentary series ALL OUR WORKING LIVES. Of all the statistics that chart the up-and-down progress of Britain's shipyards across the decades, there are none more sobering than those showing that, whereas Britain once turned out 80 per cent of the world's ships, it now makes only two per cent. Management and men make some strong points in tonight's film, and excellent archive film hammers the rivets home.

●KALAKSHETRA–DEVOTION TO DANCE (BBC 2, 7.45). Tony Mayer's film about a centre for the performing arts in southern India, is remarkable not so much for the degree of spirituality that attaches to the music and dance taught there, as for the centre's origins. Its founder, Rukmini Devi, now in her 81st year, rescued the classic dance form of Bharata Natyam from a corrupted phase in its history (performers danced by day, were prostitutes by night), gave it new respectability, and used it as the foundation stone for her arts centre. However, when the centre describes itself now as an oasis for purity, it means only the purity of the ancient traditions of music and dance whose syllabus it exemplifies.

●David Lean's GREAT EXPECTATIONS (BBC 2, 5.40 pm) and his *Oliver Twist* are probably the closest we shall get to an ideal cinematic projection of Dickens. What to leave in: what to take out? These are the least of the dilemmas facing the adapter. The crucial test is whether the characters will shrink miserably, become ludicrously inflated, or retain their Dickensian completeness when they travel from page to screen. Lean's *Great Expectations* has a roster of actors who have Dicken's life-blood in them. But this is not just good Dickens. It is brilliant cinema.

●It is not only on television today that you will find the quintessence of Dickens in a medium he could never have envisaged. OUR MUTUAL FRIEND (Radio 4, 3.00), Betty Davies's ten-part serial, has reached its third episode. It began well, and it gets better all the time.

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

6.05 Open University: Maths Methods: Linear Programming, 6.30 Psychology: Computer Program "Popeye", 6.55 Invention is not Enough. 7.20 A Conflict Brought to Light. 7.45 Fractional Distillation. Ends at 8.10.

9.00 Ceefax.

5.05 Weekend Outlook. A preview of the general interest Open University programmes to be seen in the next two days.

5.10 Broadcast Rituals. An Open University production that examines the crucial role of the BBC's coverage of the rituals of state (r).

5.35 News summary with subtitles.

5.40 Film: Great Expectations* (1946) starring Alec Guinness, John Mills and Valerie Hobson. Alec Guinness and Jean Simmons have their first big screen roles in this sumptuous version by David Lean of Dickens's classic tale of a young boy who is left a fortune by an unknown benefactor. (see Choice).

7.35 Cameo goes to Majorca – not to worship the sun, but to study the bee-eaters, black-winged stilts and other fauna of the island. The narrator is Douglas Leach (r).

7.45 The World About Us: Kalakshetra – Devotion to Dance. A documentary about India's best known centre for the performing arts. Founded nearly 50 years ago, the school attracts students from around the world. One of them, 22-year-old Valli Subbiah from Barnet in north London, has just completed six years training in the classical Indian dance, Bharata Natyam. We watch excerpts from her two hour solo performance in the company of her parents who travelled over for the occasion. (See Choice).

8.35 Gardeners' World. With Geoff Hamilton and Roy Lancaster in an all-year-round garden in Ratcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham.

9.00 M*A*S*H A North Korean pilot grounds his Russian-made jet and everybody thinks that he is a deserter, keen to collect his $100,000 reward. But there are red faces when it is learnt that he only landed because of engine failure.

9.25 All Our Working Lives. Part one of an 11-part television history of Britain at work in the 20th century begins with The Shipbuilders. (see Choice).

10.25 Newsnight.

11.10 International Badminton. The semi-finals of the Mixed Doubles in the Super Shuttle European Championships.

11.50 Film: Touchez pas au grisbi* (1953) starring Jean Gabin and Jeanne Moreau. Thrilling tale of dishonour among thieves. Directed by Jacques Becker (subtitled). Ends at 1.30.

CHANNEL 4

5.00 Wayne and Shuster. The two Canadian comics this week discover Murder on the Supercontinental.

5.30 The Tube. Rock music magazine programme presented by Jools Holland and Leslie Ash. Among the guests are north-east band The Kane Gang, Spear of Destiny and the outrageous Grandmaster Flash. Comedian Mark Miwurdz continues to roll them in the aisles.

7.00 Channel Four News.

7.30 Right to Reply. LWT's controller of Features and Current Affairs, Barry Cox, and researcher Jean-Claude Bragard, confront clergymen and lay members of the public hostile to the programme, Jesus – the Evidence.

8.00 A Week in Politics presented by Peter Jay. Two topics tonight: the first is the gauging of Protestant opinion in Northern Ireland as a background to an item on the New Ireland Forum; the second subject is the campaign being waged to save the Metropolitan boroughs and the Greater London Council.

8.40 What the Papers Say. Melanie Phillips of *The Guardian* reviews the written word that has appeared this week from Fleet Street and beyond.

9.00 Agony. Comedy series about an agony aunt whose husband has left her. Suggestions abound as to how she can pull herself out of the depression. Val, her secretary, thinks she ought to join a sex club; her neighbours think that becoming a lesbian is the answer; while the local radio disc jockey believes the answer lies in bed with him.

9.30 It Takes a Worried Man. Roath's troubles are affecting his sleep and he is more ineffectual at work than ever.

10.00 Cheers. Comedy series abut the staff of a Boston bar. This week Carla's ex-husband invites her to his wedding just to show her how beautiful is his new bride. Carla retaliates by asking Sam to accompany her.

10.30 Well Being. the final programme of the series investigates the labels attached to young people as they reach adulthood. Are they really 'disturbed', 'deviant' or 'deliquent'? Or are they reacting quite sanely to a disturbed environment?

11.20 The Late Clive James. His guests tonight are Germaine Greer and Alan Coren and they debate The West versus The Rest.

12.20 Jazz at the Gateway. Oscar Peterson plays host to Britain's brilliant flautist and saxophone player, Barbara Thompson and her band, Paraphernalia. Oscar continues his history of the jazz piano with illustrations of the style of Fats Waller.

1.15 Closedown.

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing; Weather.
6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Shipping.
6.30 Today, incl. 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News 6.45 Prayer 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.00, 8.00 News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament 8.50 Your Letters 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Desert Island Discs. The actor Christopher Reeve† (r).
9.45 The Anatomy Of A Retirement. Harry Soan reflects on his 18 years of retirement.
10.00 News; Science Now.
10.30 Morning Story: 'Dreams' by Lisa Taylor. Read by Elizabeth Proud.
10.45 Daily Service.†
11.00 News; Travel; The Four Seasons: Spring. With Caroline Parsons.
11.48 Natural Selection.
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer advice.
12.27 My Music. Music panel game†.
12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour from Bristol. Deborah Spungen talks about her late daughter, Nancy, girlfriend of the punk rock singer Sid Vicious.
3.00 Our Mutual Friend: Episode three of this 10 part serial, based on Charles Dickens's novel (r).
4.00 News; Time for Verse. Poems about love, by P J Kavanagh.
4.10 Dead Men Do Tell Tales. Molly Price-Owen discovers how forensic science can bring a criminal to book.
4.40 Story Time: 'Futility' by William Gerhardie (last of 10 parts). Read by Roger Rees.
5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather; Programme News.
6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 Going Places. The world of transport and travel.
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Pick of the Week. Programme highlights with Margaret Howard.
8.20 Profile. A personal portrait.
8.45 Any Questions? from Petersfield, Hampshire. With Clive Jenkins, Michael Winner, Bel Mooney, and Jacqui Lait.
9.30 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes a review of the RSC's The Merchant of Venice, the new film Silkwood; and Venice Preserv'd at the Lyttelton.
10.15 A Book At Bedtime: 'I'm Not Complaining' by Ruth Adam (10). Read by Gwen Taylor.
10.30 The World Tonight.
11.00 Today in Parliament.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Week Ending. A satirical review of the week's news.
12.00 News.
12.10 Weather.
12.15 Close, Shipping.
England VHF with If above except: 6.25-6.30 Weather: Travel. 1.55-2.00 Listening Corner. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00-12.00 Study on 4.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: Part one. Honneger's Concertino (Krajny, soloist); Beethoven's Sonata in A Op 12 No 2 (David Oistrakh/Oborin); Weill's suite from The Threepenny Opera†. 8.00 News.
8.05 Concert: Part two. Berlioz's Overture Les francs juges; Pachelbel's Suite in G; Mozart's Recitative and aria Or che il dover, K 36 (Shreier, tenor); Khachaturyan's suite Gayaneh†. 9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composers: Purcell and Britten. Includes excerpts from The Fairy Queen and Dido and Aeneas (by Purcell); and Britten's Lucretia's confession and death (Rape of Lucretia), and arias from A midsummer Night's Dream†.
10.00 Brahms Quartets: Melos Quartet of Stuggart play Quartet No 3, Op 67†.
10.35 Northern Sinfonia: with Stephen Reay (bassoon). Haydn's overture Armida; Mozart's Bassoon Concerto K 191; Suk's Meditation on old Bohemian Chorale; and Schubert's Symphony No 5†.
11.40 Schumann: Dichterliebe (Hagegard, baritone and Schuback, piano).
12.20 Stravinsky and Mozart: BBC Scottish SO. Part one. Stravinsky's suites 1 and 2 for small orchestra; and the Pulcinella suite†. 1.00 News.
1.05 Six Continents: foreign radio broadcasts monitored by the BBC.
1.20 Stravinsky and Mozart: Part two. Mozart's Symphony No 40†.
2.00 University of Wales Recital: The Songmakers' Almanac in Our Pleasant Vices: Interval reading at 2.30†.
3.10 Dvorak: Czech Philharmonic Orchestra play the Symphony No 1†.
4.00 Choral Evensong: from Winchester Cathedral†. 4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another Fritz Spiegl selection†.
6.00 Music for Guitar: Roberto Aussel plays works by Berkeley, Walton and Campana. The Walton work is the Two Bagatelles. The Berkeley is the Sonatina, Op 52, No 1. The Campana is the first UK performance of Nexus 83†.
7.00 Liszt: Philip Fowke, piano, plays the Sonata in B minor†.
7.30 Elgar, Britten, Tippett: Royal Festival Hall concert: Part one. With the BBC SO and Ida Haendel (violin). Britten's An American Overture; and Tippett's Symphony No 4†.
8.10 The Limits of Economic Planning: talk by Sir Alec Cairncross, Economic Adviser and Head of Government Economic Service 1961-69.
8.30 Concert: Part two. Elgar's Violin Concerto†.
9.20 Journey to the Cold. Julia Jones reads some of her own poems.
9.45 Muldowney and Maconchy: the Medici String Quartet play Muldowney's String Quartet No 1; and Maconchy's String Quartet No 8†.
10.20 Flute and Piano: Mozart's Sonata K 13, Maw's Night Thoughts, and Reicha's Sonata in D Op 103; Judith Pearce (flute) with Peter Pettinger (piano)†.
11.15 News. Until 11.18.
VHF only: Open University. 6.15am The Mystical Vision; 6.35-6.55 Hume's The Enquiry; 11.20pm Concepts of Childhood; 11.40-12.00 Clothing and Class.

Radio 2

4.00 am Colin Berry.† 5.30 Ray Moore.† 7.30 David Hamilton † incl 8.31 Racing. 10.00 Jimmy Young.† 12.00 pm Steve Jones † incl 2.02; 3.02 Sport; 3.00 Racing from Newbury (Gainsborough Stud Fred Darling Stakes). 3.30 Music All The Way.† 4.00 Paul Burnett † 4.02; 5.05 Sport. 6.00 John Dunn † incl 6.02 Sport; 6.45 Sport. 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night (from St David's Hall, Cardiff). With the Cory Band and BBC Concert Orchestra. The singers: Cynthia Glover, Joan Savage, Niall Murray and the Charles Young Chorale. Music by Romberg, Rossini, Arthur Sullivan, Tchaikovsky, Verdi, Neil Sedaka and others. Introduced by Robin Boyle. 8.20-8.40 Interval. 9.30 The Organist Entertains.† 9.55 Sports. 10.00 Vince Hill's Solid Gold Music Show.† 10.30 Sounds of the South West. Presented by Cliff Michelmore (6: The Islands). 11.00 Stuart Hall (stereo from midnight) including 11.02 Sport; 12.05 Sport. 1.00 Peter Dickson.† 3.00-4.00 Night Owls.†

Radio 1

6.00 am Mark Page. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Gary Davies, including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.00 Adrian John. 4.30 Select-a-Disc. 5.30 Newsbeat. 5.45 Roundtable. 7.00 Andy Peebles. 9.00-12.00 The Friday Rock Show with Tommy Vance (stereo from 10.00). VHF Radios 1 and 2: 4.00 am With Radio 2. 10.00 pm With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00 With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 6.30 Pageant of the Past. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Patrick Munro's Music Box. 7.45 Merchant Navy Programme. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 The World of Singing. 8.30 A Month in a Monastery. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Album Time. 10.15 Merchant Navy Programme. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 In the Meantime. 11.25 Ulster Newsletter. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Jazz for the Asking. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty Four Hours. 1.30 Mourning Becomes Electra. 2.15 Letterbox. 2.30 John Peel. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Science in Action. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four hours. 8.30 The Terror. 9.00 Network U.K. 9.15 Music Now. 9.30 The Bach Family. 9.45 The Brothers. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 From the Weeklies. 11.30 Indian Railways. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 About Britain. 1.15 Outlook. 1.45 Classical Record Review. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network U.K. 2.30 People and Politics. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 The Mutiny of HMS Bounty. 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Review of the British Press. 5.15 About Britain. 5.40 Book Choice. 5.45 The World Today.

All times in GMT

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN.
† Stereo. ★Black and white. (r) Repeat.

BBC 1 Wales: 12.57-1.00pm News. 3.53-3.55 News. 5.55 (Part Of Sixty Minutes). 10.15-10.30 Sportfolio. 10.30-11.05 Kane à la Carte. 11.05-11.06 News. 11.06-1.05am Film: The Trials of Oscar Wilde (Peter Finch). Scotland: 12.55-1.00pm News. 5.55 (Part of Sixty Minutes) Scotland: Sixty Minutes. 9.25-9.55 Agenda. 9.55-10.27 The Beechgrove Garden. 10.27-10.30 News. 10.30-11.20 Starsky and Hutch. 11.20-1.20am Film: Darling (Dirk Bogarde, Julie Christie). Northern Ireland: 12.57-1.00pm News. 3.53-3.55 News. 5.55 Scene Around Six. 10.15-10.45 Spotlight. 10.45-10.50 News. 12.45am News. England: North-East only: 12.00-12.30 pm North Country. 5.55 (Part of Sixty Minutes). 10.45 East – Weekend. Midlands – Barmaid's Arms. North – Gardners' Direct Line. North East – Coast to Coast. North West – "Where Do We Go From Here?. South – "Moments". South West – Newswatch. West . A Way of Healing. 12.55 am Close.

S4C 2.20 Stori Sbri. 2.35 Interval. 2.55 Old Country. 3.20 The Making of Britain. 3.50 Grundivig's Dream. 4.15 Countdown. 4.45 Lan Lofft. 5.00 Dirgelwch Superted. 5.30 The Tube. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Taro Tant. 8.00 Pobol Y Cwm. 8.30 Y Byd Yn Ei Le News Headlines. 9.15 Cheers. 9.45 Soap. 10.15 Caught in a Free State. 11.10 The Lady is a Tramp. 11.40 Statement of Intent. 12.35 Close.

GRAMPIAN As London except: starts 9.25-9.30 First Thing. 10.25 Film: Laurel and Hardy in Call of the Cuckoo*. 10.50 The Sinbad Voyage. 11.55-12.00 Hattas and Bachelor Cartoon. 1.20 North News. 2.00-2.30 Strange But True. 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Survival. 6.00 North Tonight. 10.30 Country Focus. 11.00 Hill Street Blues. 12.00 Making a Living. 12.30 North Headlines and Weather. 12.35 Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BORDER As London except: 10.25 The Sinbad Voyage. 11.15 Our Natural Environment. 11.30 Train Spot. 11.55 Cartoon. 1.20-1.30 Border News. 2.30 QED. 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 6.00 Lookaround Friday. 6.30-7.00 Look Who's Talking (Karen Kay). 10.30 Newhart. 11.00 Rugby League. 11.55 The Two of Us. 12.25 Border News Summary. 12.28 Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: starts 9.25 3-2-1 Contact. 9.55 Once Upon a Time . . . Man. 10.20 Bracken. 11.10-12.00 One Antartic Sumer. 1.20 Central News. 1.30 Film: A Day at the Races* (Marx Brothers). 5.15-5.45 The Zodiac Game. 6.00 Central News. 7.00 The Fall Guy. 8.00 In Loving Memory. 10.35 The Sweeney. 11.35 Film: The Oscar (Stephen Boyd). 11.45 Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20-1.30 Channel News. 2.00-3.30 Film: Suspect*. 3.57-4.00 Puffin's Pla(i)ce. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55-7.00 What's on Where. 10.35 Invitation to the Dance. 11.05 Film: Devils of Darkness. 12.40 News and Weather in French, Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 10.40 The Protectors. 11.10-12.00 Great Western. 1.20-1.30 HTV News. 2.00 Film: Last Train to Berlin (Ty Hardin). 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Joanie Loves Chachi. 6.00 HTV News. 6.30-7.00 In the Garden. 7.30-8.30 The Fall Guy. 10.30 The West This Week. 11.00 Film: Crowhaven Farm (Hope Lange). 12.25 Weather and Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV WEST except: 6.00-7.00 Wales at Six. 10.30-11.00 22 – Rescue You. 11.00-11.30 Snooker. 11.30-12.55 Film: Crowhaven Farm (Hope Lange). 12.55 Weather and Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: start 9.25 Atom Ant. 9.30 Sport Billy. 9.55 Groovie Ghoulies. 10.20 Unicorn Tales. 10.40 The Incredible World of Adventure. 11.00-12.00 Hopalong Cassidy in Mystery Man*. 12.30-1.00 At Ease. 1.20-1.30 On the Market. 2.00 Film: The Brigand of Kandahar (Ronald Lewis). 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 The Zodiac Game. 6.00 Granada Reports News. 6.05 Weekend. 7.00 The Fall Guy. 8.00 In Loving Memory. 10.30 9 To 5. 11.00 Rugby League. 11.55 Film: My Undercover Years with the Ku Klux Klan (Don Meredith).

ULSTER As London except: starts 9.25-9.30 The Day Ahead. 10.25 Sport Billy. 10.50 Cartoon Time. 11.05 Laurel and hardy. 11.30-12.00 3-2-1 Contact. 1.20-1.30 Lunchtime. 2.00 Judi. 2.30 Film: The Treasure of San Teresa (Marius Goring). 3.58-4.00 Ulster News. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.45-7.00 Advice. 7.30-8.30 The Irish RM. 10.30 Witness. 10.35 The Race is On. 11.15 Magnum. 12.10 News.

SCOTTISH As London except: 10.25 Nova. 11.20 Abigail. 11.30 Diff'rent Strokes. 11.55-12.00 Towser. 1.20-1.30 Scottish News. 2.00-4.00 Film: Topper (Cary Grant). 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30 Sports Extra. 6.45-7.00 Weir's Way. 10.35 Ways and Means. 11.05 Hill Street Blues. 12.05 Late Call. 12.10 Love American Style. 12.30 Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 10.25 Cartoon Time. 10.40 Spread Your Wings. 11.05 Tarzan. 11.55-12.00 Wattoo Wattoo. 1.20-1.30 Anglia News. 2.00-3.30 Film: Suspect. 5.15-5.45 University Challenge. 6.00-7.00 About Anglia. 10.30 Cross Question. 11.05 Film: The Family Way (Hayley Mills). 1.10 Jancis Harvey Sings, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 10.25 Space 1999. 11.15 European Folk Tales. 11.25 Hands. 11.50-12.00 The Wonderful Stories of Professor Kitzel. 1.20-1.30 TSW News Headlines. 2.00-3.30 Film: Suspect (Peter Cushing). 3.57-4.00 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 What's Ahead. 10.35 Invitation to the Dance. 11.05 Film: Devils of Darkness. 12.40 Postscript. 12.45 Weather and Closedown.

TVS As London except: starts 9.25-9.28 Farming Brief. 10.25 Film: Good Morning, Boys* (Will Hay). 11.45-12.00 The Little Rascals. 1.20-1.30 TVS News. 2.00 Falcon Crest. 3.00-3.30 In Loving Memory. 5.15-5.45 Take the High Road. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.30 The Friday Sportshow. 7.00 The Fall Guy. 8.00-8.30 The Zodiac Game. 10.30 Newhart. 11.00 Film: Taste the Blood of Dracula (Christopher Lee). 12.40 Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: starts 9.25-9.30 North East News. 10.25 Cities (Rome). 11.20 Vicky the Viking. 11.45-12.00 Larry the Lamb. 1.20-1.30 North East News and Lookaround. 2.00-3.30 Film: Genevieve (Kenneth More). 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 The Zodiac Game. 6.30 Northern Life. 7.00 The Fall Guy. 8.00-8.30 In Loving Memory. 10.32 Jorvic–Viking's Return. 11.00 Films: The Uncanny (Peter Cushing) followed by It Lives Again (Frederic Forrest). 12.40 Three's Company.

YORKSHIRE As London except: starts 9.25-9.30 Weather. 10.25 Just a Matter of Concentration. 10.50 European Folk Tales. 11.00 Tarzan. 11.50-12.00 Melotoons. 1.20-1.30 Calendar News. 2.00-3.30 Film: Suspect* (Peter Cushing). 5.15-5.45 The Zodiac Game. 6.00 Calendar. 7.00 The Fall Guy. 8.00-8.30 In Loving Memory. 10.30 Jorvik – The Vikings Return. 11.00 Rugby League. 11.55 Mannix. 12.50 Closedown.

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Entertainments

CINEMAS

ART GALLERIES

Thick blue line holds as miners converge on Sheffield







Top: Police hold back pitmen demonstrating outside the NUM HQ in Sheffield yesterday before the non-ballot decision. Right: militant miners show their support for Mr Arthur Scargill. Bottom left: The agony of one injured PC. Bottom right: A head-locked protester is led away. Photographs by Brian Harris, Ian Stewart and Press Association.

Letter from Ollerton

Where police collar bacon butties

Driving from Mansfield to Ollerton is like motoring to some sequestrated village where an outbreak of plague has been reported, or where invasion by aliens is hourly expected.

Knots of police lurk at every crossroads, their car doors open to receive the sunshine and their plastic bollards in place along the white lines ready for an instant road block. Still, it cannot be too serious; they have not yet taken down the signposts to confuse the enemy.

The aliens have not invaded today. At the Ollerton colliery gates there are no pickets and two policemen, one of whom explains, between bites of apple, that they have all gone off to Sheffield for the day, sir. Of course; did we not see three blue van loads of the law belt past us on the road?

Nevertheless, there are more pairs of constables strolling the main shopping street of this unprepossessing north Nottinghamshire mining village than ever you would see if your wallet had just been snatched in Brixton. They are here to see that any of the 1,150 Ollerton miners who choose to work can do so unimpeded. Five weeks ago, that was a difficult task, but not today.

But is this not a village riven by dissent, with about a hundred miners obeying the strike call while the majority turn up religiously for work, and a substantial body of floating voters make up their minds depending on whether there is a picket line when they arrive at the gate, Thermos in hand, and the parting words of a hard-up wife still ringing in their ears?

Certainly not in the functional, spartan bar of the Ollerton Miners' Welfare Institute, where they will happily sign in a curious visitor as long as he does not represent *The Sun*, where those in work sink tall pints at 60p, and those on strike smuggle in cans of lager from a cheaper off licence down the road.

A middle aged miner boasts that he rescued four Yorkshire flying pickets from the attention of the police simply by inviting them into his house.

"They were real gentlemen, all of them. But I tell you their eyes popped out of their heads when they saw my home; they couldn't believe a miner could be so well off."

He had bought his coal board house and had added such improvements as a decorative stone arch in the hall. After five weeks on strike, he is resolved to return to work. "I'm cleaned-out now. I need the money. Mind you, I'd stay out if everybody else was out."

His drinking companion has been at work throughout. "Roy's a right idiot passing up all that money. But he's entitled to do what he thinks right. None of us wants wholesale pit closures, but you'll never get the Notts men to vote for a strike; it's too easy working here, what with the geology, and the money's too good.

"Mind you, if they shut any one of the pits round here, we'd all be out in a flash."

It is, they admit, the women who hold the whiphand. "It's hard", another striker says, "when my wife goes to the shops with the nine quid I gave her last week, and she meets one of her pals with 30 to spend."

There is general agreement that widespread pit closures are an evil. "We've got to protect jobs for our children and grandchildren", another man still at work says. "If they don't go down the pits, where are they going to go? There's a waiting list of 120 school leavers with their names down for this pit, and we'll be lucky if nine of them get taken on this year."

But would he strike for the principle? "I can't afford to. I've bought my coal board house; I've had rates, electricity and car tax this month."

A cheer goes up when news comes through of the National Union of Mineworkers' decision to hold a delegate conference. "We don't need a ballot", one working miner says. "Arthur's winning this one without it".

The main complaint is against neither Mr Scargill nor Mr McGregor, but against the massive police presence Ollerton has seen during the dispute. "Some mornings we haven't been able to get into the pit canteen", one man says. "Bloody place is packed out wi' coppers tucking into bacon butties."

Alan Hamilton

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

Princess Margaret, as President, attends the Annual General Meeting of the Scottish Children's League, at Haddo House, Aberdeen, 11.55.

New exhibitions

Cadbury's National Exhibition of Children's Art, Walker Art Gallery, William Brown Street, Liverpool; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends May 17).

Last chance to see

John Wragg & Henry Pimm Exhibition; Katherine House Gallery, The Parade, Marlborough; Wed to Sat 10 to 5 (ends to today).

Music

Concert by Halle Orchestra, City Hall, Barkers Pool, Sheffield, 1, 7.30 p.m.

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, University Great Hall, Exeter.

Exhibitions in progress

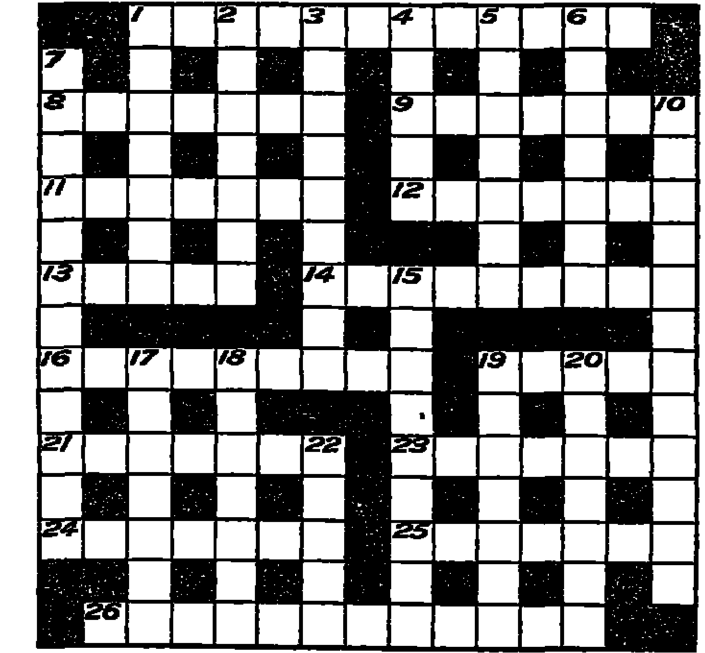
Treasures of the National Library, National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh: Mon to Fri 7.30 to 5, Sat 9.30 to 1, closed Sun (ends May 31).

Drawings and prints by Rembrandt and Seurat, National Gallery of Scotland, The Mound, Edinburgh, Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Apr 29).

Highlands and islands – recent works by Jim Nicholson: Gladstone's Land Gallery, Lawnmarket, Edinburgh: Mon to Sat 10 to 4.30, Sun 2 to 4.30 (ends Apr 22).

Paintings and Drawings by Anne Carlisle, the Arts Council Gallery, Bedford Street, Belfast; Tues to Sat 10 to 6, closed Sun and Mon (ends Apr 28).

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,404



ACROSS

1 To the Cockney a lodger is deceitful Dickensian (6,6).
8 It's diabolical encompassing a strike so (7).
9 Changeable – change one part (7).
11 Means of expression used by washerwoman (7).
12 Two thousand and one going inside celebrated, being calculating (7).
13 A number work in the garden (5).
14 After a party, Navy men start tidying the decking (9).
16 "That's Life" broadcast – exit scene-shifters! (9).
19 A motorist's cautious signal (5).
21 Speaking in a row about the firm holding it back (7).
23 Capital investment for women in seclusion (7).
24 Supplementary note the Italian enclosed in possibly distant letter (7).
25 Get around some children – twin eleven-year-olds (7).
26 Keeping in step with the grievance procedure (7,5).

1 Almost all object. That's parliament for you! (7).
2 After today a child will keep near (7).
3 Not reliable – i.e. can turn nasty (9).
4 Charges involving quiet cheats (5).
5 Do nothing jolly with an employee seen entering (7).
6 A man withdrawn before receiving discharge (7).
7 A fast start (3,9).
10 A doctor sees things scattered around – women's wear (12).
15 Knock flat a wicket after six balls – put on a hard hat! (9).
17 Cutting equipment put right after coin is bent (7).
18 One in three allowed on an excursion (7).
19 It measures the current encountered in a foreign sea (7).
20 Poor rise in growth pushing prices up (7).
22 Poles, both holding a single ecclesiastical office (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,403

Prize Crossword in The Times tomorrow

CONCISE CROSSWORD, PAGE 10

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Easter adjournment debates.

National Day

The land-locked central African State of **Chad** celebrates its National Day today. The day marks the anniversary of the army coup in 1975 which overthrew President Tombalbaye, who had led the country since its independence from France in August 1960. Chad has been in almost constant political turmoil since 1965.

Lead danger

In a new report the *Department of the Environment* recommends that householders in new or newly-plumbed properties should take the precaution of drawing off enough water to fill a washing-up bowl before drawing any water intended for consumption. This is particularly important in the first month of service. The report shows that lead can possibley occur in water in properties with copper piping because of galvanic corrosion of the exposed area of solder (containing lead), which is used to join the copper pipes and fittings. External Report No 125E, a condensed accout of the scientific work from WRC Engineering Centre, PO Box 85, Frankland Road, Blagrove, Swindon, Wilts SN5 8VR, (£5.00, including postage and packing).

Anzac Day

Details have been released of Anzac Day services in Britain, on April 25 and 29 and May 13. Wreaths will be laid at the **Cenotaph, Whitehall**, at 11 on April 25 by the Australian and New Zealand High Commissiomers, Mr A. R. Parsons and Mr W. L. Young, after which a memorial service will be held (at noon) at Westminster Abbey. In **Edinburgh** a memorial service organized by the Royal British Legion, Scotland, will be held at noon on April 25 at the Scottish National War Memorial shrine, Edinburgh Castle. Wreaths will be laid by the Deputy High Commissioner for Australia, Mr R. H. Robertson, and by the Head of the New Zealand Defence Liaison Staff in London, Air Commodore P. Neville. At Harefield, Uxbridge, Middlesex, a wreath laying and memorial service will be held at St Mary's Church at 3 on April 25. On April 29, in **Sutton Veny**, Wiltshire, a service will be held at 3pm at St John's Church. On May 13 a service will be held at **Leighterton** Cemetery, Gloucestershire (3pm).

Anniversaries

Births: **Frederick North, 2nd Earl of Guildford**, Prime Minister 1770-82, London, 1732; **Thomas Jefferson**, 3rd President of the USA 1801-09, Shadwell, Virginia, 1743; **Richard Trevithick**, engineer and pioneer of railway locomotives, Illogan, Cornwall, 1771; **Gyorgy Lukacs**, philosopher, Budapest, 1885.
Deaths: **Charles Leslie**, controversialist, Glaslough, Republic of Ireland, 1772; **Hugh Clapperton**, explorer, Sokoto, Nigeria, 1827.
Capture of Fort Sumter, Charleston, by Confederates – the beginning of the Civil War in America, 1861.

The papers

A national coal strike in all pits now seems likely to start early next month, the **Daily Star** points out. That was the real result of yesterday's extraordinary NUM executive meeting where the rules were twisted to suit a particular argument it says. "There's always something fishy when a union feels it necessary to change the rules in the middle of an industrial dispute. There's something sad about those moderate union leaders who gave in so quickly to the Scargill assault. They let down those miners who have been fighting so hard to get to work. It is a strike that could ruin the coal industry, destroy the lives of thousands of miners, bankrupt companies, cost more jobs and perhaps cause major political and social upheaval. Once all the miners accept that there is a national strike, they will not give in. The strike would last through next winter. That is a fact the Coal Board and the Government cannot avoid. Can that strike be avoided? For the country's sake a realistic proposal needs to be put on the table soon . . . even if both sides are determined this morning that this will be the final showdown".

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.62	1.54
Austria Sch	27.60	26.00
Belgium Fr	82.00	78.00
Canada $	1.89	1.82
Denmark Kr	14.34	13.64
Finland Mkk	8.34	7.94
France Fr	11.88	11.38
Germany DM	3.88	3.70
Greece Dr	154.00	144.00
Hongkong $	11.57	10.97
Ireland Pt	1.27	1.21
Italy Lira	2390.00	2290.00
Japan Yen	335.00	319.00
Netherlands Gld	4.39	4.17
Norway Kr	11.33	10.73
Portugal Esc	195.00	185.00
South Africa Rd	1.97	1.83
Spain Pta	216.00	205.00
Sweden Kr	11.64	11.06
Switzerland Fr	3.23	3.06
USA $	1.48	1.43
Yugoslavia Dnr	183.00	173.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 344.0.
London: The *FT* Index closed up 2.5 at 888.6.

Roads

London and South-east: Roadworks delaying traffic between Kensington High St and M41, off Holland Road and Addison Road, Kensington. A4: Roundabout construction at Thames Bridge, Maidenhead, use M4 between Maidenhead and Slough. A23: Temporary signals at junction with A273 Pycombe Fork, Surrey, avoid.

Midlands: M1: Contraflow between junctions 16 (Northampton) and 18 (Rugby). M5: Contraflow between junction 3 (Birmingham) and junction 4 (Bromsgrove). A52: Single-line traffic on Nottingham – Grantham road at Muston Bends; temporary signals.

Wales and West: A39: Single-lane traffic in New Road, Bideford, Devon; temporary traffic signals. A38: Lane closures on A38 between Plymouth and Ivybridge at Marsh Mills. A381/A385: Traffic lights in Bridgeton Hill, Totnes.

North: A6110: Roadworks along existing carriageway of Leeds Southern Ring Road, West Yorkshire, delays. A635: Single-line traffic at Wilthorpe, Gawber, Barnsley; temporary lights. A180: Contraflow on Brigg – Ulceby section between Barnetby intersection and Harborough.

Scotland: A901: Miniroundabout construction in Edinburgh; Commercial Street, width restrictions. A5: Single-lane traffic at Lochearnhead Bridge, Perthshire. A82: Single-line traffic east of Ballchulish Bridge; lights, care required.

Information supplied by AA

Airline liability

Airline liability for the death or injury of passengers is to be raised from a current maximum of £11,800 to £74,000 under international protocols to be signed by Britain. The higher limit already applies to British airlines and British domestic flights, and if the necessary 30 states ratify the Montreal Protocols to the Warsaw Covention, they will apply to their airlines too.

Top films

The top box-office films in London:
1 (1) Terms of Endearment
2 (2) Yentl
3 (–) Swan in Love
4 (4) Educating Rita
5 (3) Champions
6 (7) The Dresser
7 (8) Trading Place
8 (9) Carmen
9 (5) To Be Or Not To Be
10 (10) La Balance

The top films in the provinces:
1 Educating Rita
2 Terms of Endearment
3 Champions
4 To Be Or Not To Be
5 Scarface

Supplied by *Screen International*

Top video rentals

1 (1) FLASHDANCE
2 (2) RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK
3 (3) HALLOWEEN III – SEASON OF THE WITCH
4 (5) THE VERDICT
5 (4) OCTOPUSSY
6 (8) BLUE THUNDER
7 (20) SUPERMAN III
8 (9) THE DARK CRYSTAL
9 (6) YOUNG DOCTORS IN LOVE
10 (15) YOUNG WARRIORS

Weather forecast

High pressure near SE England will move away eastwards as troughs of low pressure cross NW Scotland from the Atlantic.

6 am to midnight

London, SE, central S, E, SW, central N England, East Anglia, E, W Midlands, Channel Islands, S, N Wales: Long sunny periods, dry; wind SW, light or moderate; max temp 12 to 14C (54 to 57F).

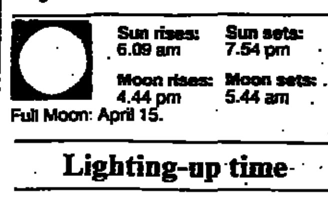
NW, NE England, Lake District, Isle of Man: Sunny periods, dry; wind SW, moderate; max temp 11 to 12C (52 to 54F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Northern Ireland: Sunny or bright intervals, mainly dry; wind SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 10 to 11C (50 to 52F).

Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, showers or longer periods of rain, some bright intervals; wind SW, fresh or strong, locally gale; max temp 8 to 9C (46 to 48F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Many places dry with sunny periods but cloud and rain in N of Scotland moving S across all districts, brighter showery weather following in N. Temperatures mostly near normal, becoming rather cold in N.

SEA PASSAGES: North Sea, Straits of Dover: SW wind variable, becoming light or moderate; sea smooth or slight. **English Channel (E):** Wind variable light or moderate; sea smooth or slight. **St George's Channel:** Wind SW moderate; sea slight. **Irish Sea:** SW wind fresh, locally strong; sea moderate, locally rough.



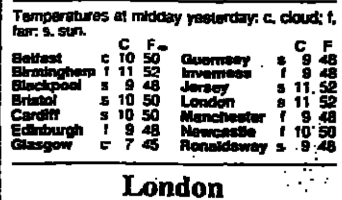
Sun rises: 6.09 am Sun sets: 7.54 pm
Moon rises: 4.44 pm Moon sets: 5.44 am
Full Moon: April 15.

Lighting-up time

London 8.24 pm to 5.37 am
Bristol 8.34 pm to 5.47 am
Edinburgh 8.46 pm to 5.40 am
Manchester 8.37 pm to 5.41 am
Penzance 8.43 pm to 6.01 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; s, sun.



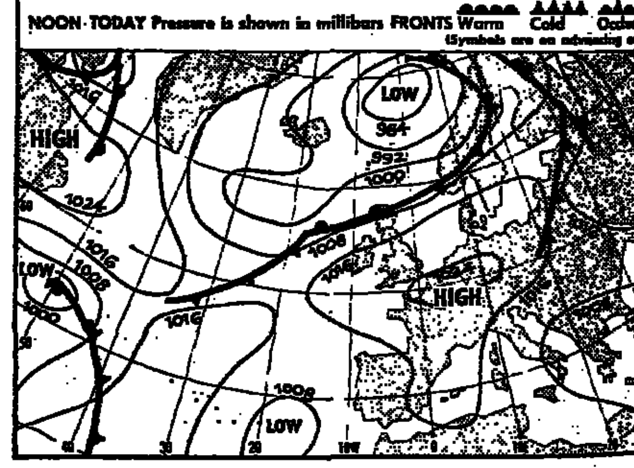
		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	10	50	Guernsey	s	9	48
Birmingham	f	11	52	Inverness	f	9	48
Blackpool	s	9	48	Jersey	s	11	52
Bristol	s	10	50	London	s	11	52
Cardiff	s	10	50	Manchester	f	9	48
Edinburgh	f	9	48	Newcastle	f	10	50
Glasgow	c	7	45	Ronaldsway	s	9	48

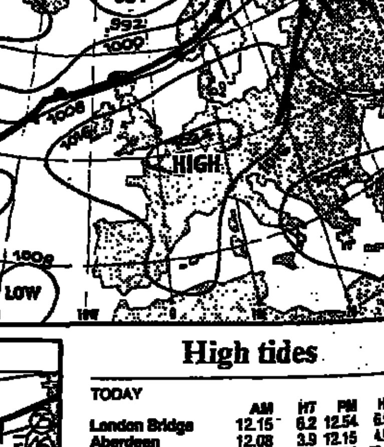
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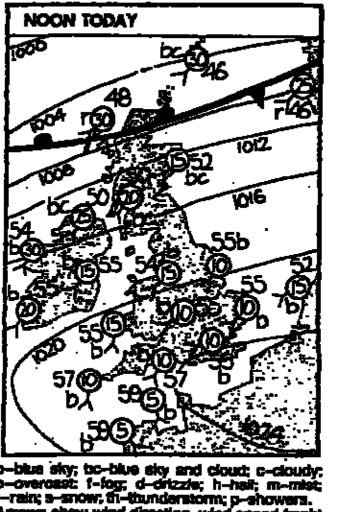
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 14C (57F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F). Humidity: 6 pm, 42 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.08in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 10.3 hrs. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,022.8 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Highest and lowest

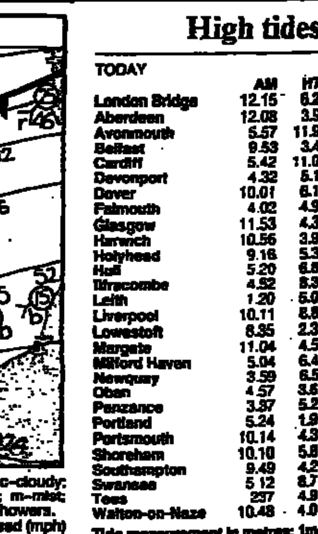
Yesterday: Highest day temp: Jersey, Southampton, 14C (57F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Kirkwall, 0.24in; highest sunshine: Jersey, 12.4hr

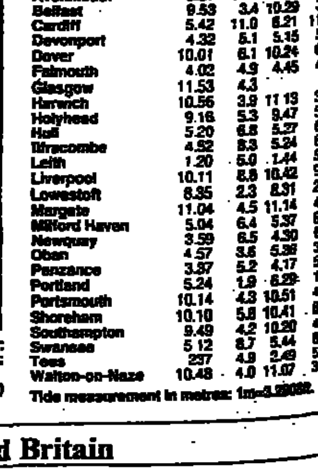






b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. Temperatures fahrenheit.





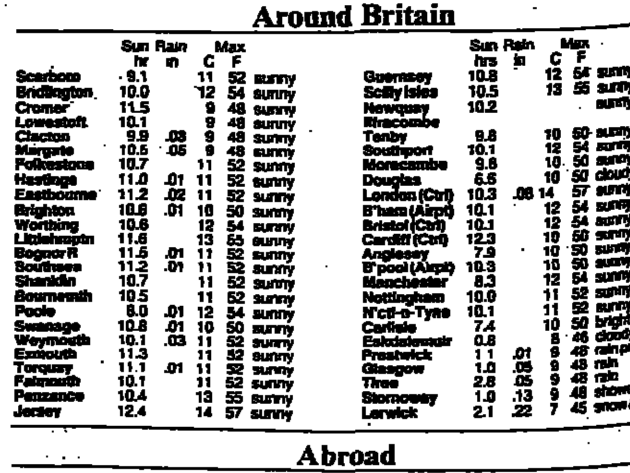
High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.15	6.2	12.54	6.9
Aberdeen	12.08	3.9	12.15	4.0
Avonmouth	5.57	11.9	6.36	12.4
Belfast	9.53	3.4	10.29	3.2
Cardiff	5.42	11.0	6.21	11.5
Devonport	4.32	5.1	5.15	5.1
Dover	10.01	6.1	10.24	6.3
Falmouth	4.02	4.9	4.45	4.9
Glasgow	11.53	4.3		
Harwich	10.56	3.8	11.19	3.7
Holyhead	9.16	5.3	9.47	5.3
Hull	5.20	6.8	5.27	6.8
Ilfracombe	4.52	8.3	5.24	8.5
Leith	1.20	5.0	1.44	5.2
Liverpool	10.11	8.8	10.42	9.1
Lowestoft	8.35	2.3	8.31	2.3
Margate	11.04	4.5	11.14	4.5
Milford Haven	5.04	6.4	5.37	6.6
Newquay	3.59	6.5	4.30	6.5
Oban	4.57	3.6	5.38	3.6
Penzance	3.37	5.2	4.17	5.2
Portland	5.24	1.9	6.29	1.8
Portsmouth	10.14	4.3	10.51	4.5
Shoreham	10.10	5.8	10.41	6.2
Southampton	9.49	4.2	10.20	4.5
Swansea	5.12	8.7	5.44	8.9
Tees	2.57	4.9	2.49	5.1
Walton-on-Naze	10.48	4.0	11.07	3.9

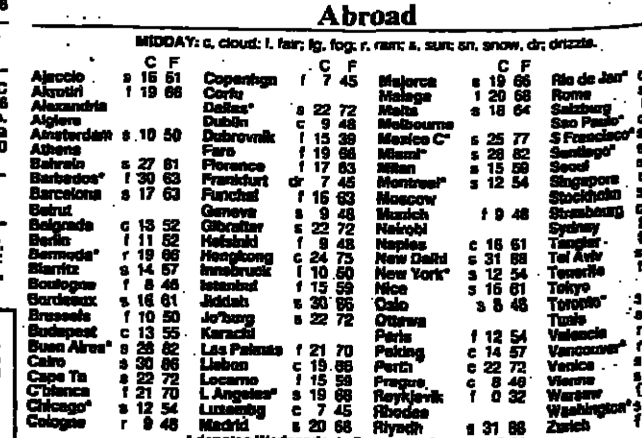
Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain



	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Scarboro	11.1		11	52	sunny	Guernsey	10.8		12	54	sunny
Bridlington	10.0		12	54	sunny	Scilly Isles	10.5		13	55	sunny
Cromer	11.5		9	48	sunny	Newquay	10.2				sunny
Lowestoft	10.1		9	48	sunny	Ilfracombe					
Clacton	9.9	.03	9	48	sunny	Tenby	9.8		10	50	sunny
Margate	10.5	.05	9	48	sunny	Southport	10.1		12	54	sunny
Folkestone	10.7		11	52	sunny	Morecambe	9.8		10	50	sunny
Hastings	11.0	.01	11	52	sunny	Douglas	6.6		10	50	cloudy pm
Eastbourne	11.2	.02	11	52	sunny	London (Ctrl)	10.3	.08	14	57	sunny
Brighton	10.6	.01	10	50	sunny	B'ham (Airpt)	10.1		12	54	sunny
Worthing	10.6		12	54	sunny	Bristol (Ctrl)	10.1		12	54	sunny
Littlehmptn	11.6		13	55	sunny	Cardiff (Ctrl)	12.3		10	50	sunny
Bognor R	11.5	.01	11	52	sunny	Anglesey	7.9		10	50	sunny
Southsea	11.2	.01	11	52	sunny	B'pool (Airpt)	10.3		10	50	sunny
Shanklin	10.7		11	52	sunny	Manchester	8.3		12	54	sunny am
Bournemth	10.5		11	52	sunny	Nottingham	10.0		11	52	sunny
Poole	8.0	.01	12	54	sunny	N'ctl-o-Tyne	10.1		11	52	sunny am
Swanage	10.8	.01	10	50	sunny	Carlisle	7.4		10	50	bright
Weymouth	10.1	.03	11	52	sunny	Eskdalemuir	0.8		8	46	cloudy
Exmouth	11.3		11	52	sunny	Prestwick	1.1	.01	9	48	rain pm
Torquay	11.1	.01	11	52	sunny	Glasgow	1.0	.05	9	48	rain
Falmouth	10.1		11	52	sunny	Tiree	2.8	.05	9	48	rain
Penzance	10.4		13	55	sunny	Stornoway	1.0	.13	9	48	showers
Jersey	12.4		14	57	sunny	Lerwick	2.1	.22	7	45	snow am

Abroad



MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; dr, drizzle.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	16	61	Copenhgn	f	7	45	Majorca	s	19	66	Rio de Jan*	c	20	68
Akrotiri	f	19	66	Corfu				Malaga	f	20	68	Rome	s	19	66
Alexandria				Dallas*	s	22	72	Malta	s	18	64	Salzburg	f	10	50
Algiers				Dublin	c	9	48	Melbourne				Sao Paulo*	c	20	68
Amsterdam	s	10	50	Dubrovnik	f	15	59	Mexico C*	s	25	77	S Francisco*	s	14	57
Athens				Faro	f	19	66	Miami*	s	28	82	Santiago*	s	27	81
Bahrain	s	27	81	Florence	f	17	63	Milan	s	15	59	Seoul	s	19	66
Barbados*	f	30	86	Frankfurt	dr	7	45	Montreal*	s	12	54	Singapore	r	28	82
Barcelona	s	17	63	Funchal	f	16	61	Moscow				Stockholm	s	8	46
Beirut				Geneva	s	9	48	Munich	f	9	48	Strasbourg	c	20	68
Belgrade	c	11	52	Gibraltar	s	22	72	Nairobi				Sydney	f	20	68
Berlin	f	11	52	Helsinki	f	9	48	Naples	c	16	61	Tangier	f	20	68
Bermuda*	r	19	66	Hongkong	c	24	75	New Delhi	s	31	88	Tel Aviv	s	24	75
Biarritz	s	14	57	Innsbruck	f	10	50	New York*	s	12	54	Tenerife	f	20	68
Boulogne	f	8	46	Istanbul	f	15	59	Nice	s	16	61	Tokyo			
Bordeaux	s	16	61	Jiddah	s	30	86	Oslo	s	8	46	Toronto*	s	10	50
Brussels	f	10	50	Jo'burg	s	22	72	Ottawa				Tunis	s	19	66
Budapest	c	13	55	Karachi				Paris	f	12	54	Valencia	r	16	61
Buen Aires*	s	28	82	Las Palmas	f	21	70	Peking	c	14	57	Vancouver*	f	8	46
Cairo	s	30	86	Lisbon	c	19	66	Perth	c	22	72	Venice	s	17	63
Cape Tn	s	22	72	Locarno	f	15	59	Prague	c	8	46	Vienna	s	17	63
C'blanca	f	21	70	L Angeles*	s	19	66	Reykjavik	f	0	32	Warsaw	f	16	61
Chicago*	s	12	54	Luxembg	c	7	45	Rhodes				Washington*	s	15	59
Cologne	r	9	48	Madrid	s	20	68	Riyadh	s	31	88	Zurich	f	9	48

* denotes Wednesday's figures are latest available